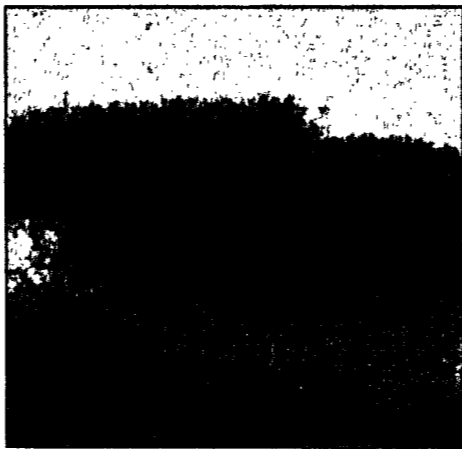




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Renowned oceanographer (and local columnist/author) Paul La Violette's sentimental journey.

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Gulf Coast Action Agency meets Wed.

The Gulf Coast Community Action Agency will conduct its annual needs assessment meeting this Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. in the office at 403 Blaize Ave. in Bay St. Louis. The agency is seeking community input to determine the needs of the area. The public is urged to attend. Refreshments served.

St. Rock UMC will host appreciation service

St. Rock UMC, 301 Herlihy St., Waveland, will host an appreciation service today at 3 p.m. for Rev. and Mrs. Donald L. Peters. Speaker will be Rev. Ludrick H. Cameron. Dinner served after.

Greater Mt. Zion AME celebrates 108 years

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 8th Avenue in Pearlinton, invites the public to its 108th church anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m.

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Dramatic rescue



Sean Self, of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, administers oxygen to a mare Friday afternoon as fellow Bay firefighters Monty Strong, Capt. Pam San Phillip and Stanley Necaise check it for injuries. The horse had been stuck in a pond for hours, San Phillip said, and was in danger of drowning before its rescuers arrived on the scene.

A near tragedy ended happily on Friday when members of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department pulled this mare out of a muddy, water-filled hole in a field on Perniciaro Lane off Washington Ave. Lucky for the horse Public Works employee Sy Hill was mowing along the lane and spotted the horse struggling. She was led away for a bath by caretakers after receiving oxygen and a leg massage. Also responding were officers from the Bay St. Louis Police Department and Animal Control.



Hancock group seeing 'green'

Greenways Project seeks to preserve county

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County is growing every day and though it may be hard to imagine a time when trees don't dominate the landscape, that time is coming. The Hancock County Greenways Project is made up of a group of people who want to make sure that greenways and waterways are preserved for the enjoyment of today's residents as well as future generations.

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Southern Regional upgrades defended

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Southern Regional Wastewater Management District employees and board members breathed a visible sigh of relief after a presentation by URS Corp. senior project manager Michael Paterno at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot on

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Ladies, start your engines! Road Rally coming to Pass

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

When she was 2-years-old, Deana Mullins' father purchased an antique 1931 Model A Ford Roadster, which he restored over the next seven years.

Mullins first rode in the Roadster when she was 9-years-old.

"I rode in the rumble seat all across America," she said (a rumble seat is a seat that folds out of the trunk). "We took all our summer vacations in that car."

Her father still owns that car, and Mullins, a Pass Christian resident, still loves vintage cars.

Mullins now owns her very own antique car, a 1965 Mustang Convertible in Tropical Turquoise.

"That's an original Ford Mustang color," she said proudly. Mullins said the Mustang drove into her life 13 years ago when

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Deana Mullins, of Pass Christian, in the driver's seat of her Tropical Turquoise 1965 Mustang. Mullins will be participating in the Ladies Road Rally in Pass Christian on Sept. 7.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins.

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RSVP and Homeland Security



Picture from left are RSVP Advisory Council President Ellis C. Cuevas, Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber, RSVP Director Jo-Ann Lagasse, U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor and Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo.

Senior Volunteer Program earns grant to aid law enforcement officers in county

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor made an appearance at Casino Magic's Bridges Golf Resort Thursday, Aug. 15, where he spoke about the national concern of homeland security.

Taylor helped secure a federal grant to place Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers within the

Waveland Police Department to assist Hancock County residents with information. Volunteers will also serve in a sub-station for the sheriff and tax collector in the rural area of the county.

"We're extremely appreciative of Congressman Taylor in helping secure grant funds," Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo said. "These funds will help the

Waveland Police Department do programs to assist the community."

Longo said Waveland is the host of RSVP program, but the city will serve all Hancock County.

"The sheriff's office is excited about working with RSVP and improving service in the rural parts of the county," Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber said. "We're about to go in the

field with public safety information about scams and other criminal activities involving seniors."

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Pass to install new water well; city currently down to only 3

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

When one of the four water wells in the city of Pass Christian stopped working early this week, Mayor Billy McDonald called an emergency meeting Aug. 15 to plan for repairs.

After inspection, it was determined that the Market Street Well's pump must be replaced along with other repairs.

The board of aldermen awarded the low bid of \$7,888 to Lyman Well Company in Gulfport.

In a letter to the mayor and aldermen, John Campton, the city's engi-

neer, described the necessity of having the well back in service as soon as possible.

"The pump was installed in 1986 — 16 years ago," Campton wrote. "It is not unusual or unexpected for well pumps which operate on a high duty cycle to wear out in a 10 to 20 year time frame. The Market Avenue Well is the largest well in the city, so it operates on an especially high duty cycle."

Campton explained that "the city's remaining three wells can produce enough water to meet normal water demands. However, any one of three circumstances could lead to a critical water shortage in the city."

Those circumstances are as follows:

- a second large water well also goes out of service for some reason
- a draught period

increases water demand

• a major fire requires maximum water from the water system. Normal fire water demands can be met from the elevated storage tanks, but without the full well capacity available, the amount of time that high fire demands can be met from storage is drastically reduced.

Lyman Well Company is currently making the much-needed repairs.

"We expect the repairs to be complete by Monday or Tuesday of next week," McDonald said.

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Waveland man killed in car accident near Pearlington

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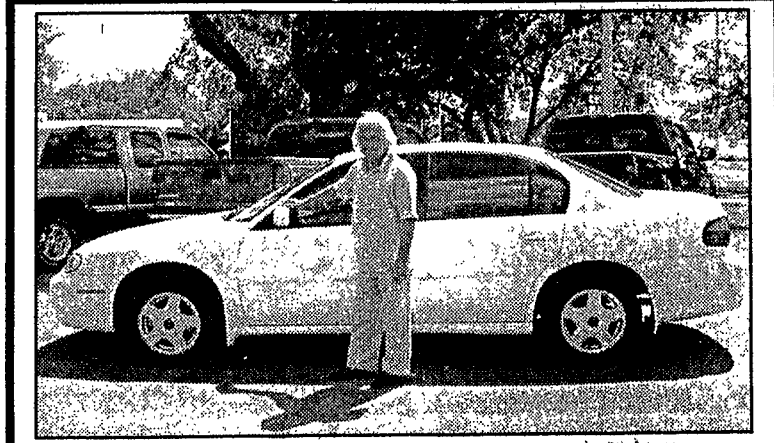
A 27-year-old Waveland man died last Monday after losing control of his vehicle on Old Highway 90 almost two miles east of Pearlington.

According to an accident report from the Mississippi Highway Patrol, Lyman C. Curry Jr. lost control of his west-bound, 1998 Honda due to weather conditions, spun out into oncoming traffic and was struck in the driver side door by John Couste's 2001 Chevy pick-up truck.

Couste, of Slidell, received minor injuries, and the passenger in his vehicle received moderate injuries. Curry was killed, and his body was taken to Edmond-Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

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Supers concerned about mosquitoes, taxes

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Two topics dominated the agenda at a meeting of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors this week, mosquitoes and taxes.

Last week Governor Ronnie Musgrove declared a state of emergency because of the outbreak of the West Nile Virus across the state. The virus is expected to spread throughout the state through the end of October.

A military C-130 is on standby in Louisiana and officials in the county can make a request to use the plane for mosquito spraying should the need arise, said county administrator Tim Kellar. Residents can also make requests for additional spraying, he said.

The board voted to issue a request to state congressional leaders for additional help in getting information from the board of health. Supervisors issued a request for more information to the board of health at their last meeting when a representative from Mosquito Control Wayne Machado said he was unable to get specific information on the spread of the disease in the area.

Kellar said he had tried to contact health officials during the last week and was rerouted through several offices before finally being told that the department would not give out information on where the disease was concentrated. Kellar said the only information he could obtain was conformation that the disease was identified in our area. On the Department of Health's website, updated on August 13, the site reported 48 human cases of the disease with two deaths, 88 birds, 18 horses, and four mosquito pools spread over 40 counties.

Hinds county was reported to have the highest incidence of the disease with 20 reported cases and one death. Fourteen of the birds and nine of the horses were found in that county. Five human cases have been reported in Pike County, with new cases being reported this week in Lamar, Madison and Clarke counties. In neighboring Louisiana 85 human cases have been detected.

Supervisors discussed sending out a notice to everyone in the county with advice on how to protect themselves from the dis-

ease. According to the Center for Disease Control website this includes dressing in long sleeves and pants when outside, being diligent in emptying any containers that may become mosquito breeding grounds, covering all trash and using mosquito repellent.

In other business: •Todd Griggs of Diamondhead appeared to complain about what he said was a 300 percent raise in his property taxes in the last six years. There is no reason for such a raise, Griggs said, except to provide and "unlimited check-book" to the Board of Supervisors, which he said had happened in his native California. He said taxes were being raised without public representation. In California, he said, many seniors were forced to move out of their houses because they could not longer afford the property taxes.

Griggs proposed the idea of a citizens group to protest the rising taxes and said he was prepared to organize such an action as well as others. He brought in copies of California Proposition 13, which was adopted to protect homeowners in 1978.

The ordinance provide a tax base based on the acquisition value of the property. Should the property change owners, then its value is reassessed at fair market value.

•Supervisor Jeep Ladner invited the board to tour the old Gulfview Elementary School. The school district has offered the building to the county for lease. Ladner said the building could be used for a voting precinct or even a branch library.

•Sue Chamberlain appeared as a representative of the Hancock County Greenways Project. The project seeks to establish a system of parks and greenways throughout the county which will set aside areas for the enjoyment of all as the population of the county increases. The project also seeks to address environmental concerns. Various aspects of the design, planning and construction of the future system will be put out for bid in coming weeks. For more information contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. The next official meeting for the Greenways Project is Sept. 13 at 8:15. Call the chamber for a location, Chamberlain said.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Aug. 9 through Aug. 16. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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From Aug. 9 to Aug. 16

- Jon Brent Jones, 41, DUI (1st), no driver's license
- Deborah D. Darsam, 47, disturbance of family, disorderly conduct, failure to obey
- Billy Allen, 35, simple assault (domestic)
- Spencer T. Andrews, 19, DUI (1st), seatbelt violation, speeding
- Paul L. Shaw Jr., 42, DUI (3rd), disorderly conduct, careless driving
- Carl S. Fricke, 19, suspended driver's license, improper equipment
- Carlton Moncud, 53, suspended driver's license, DUI (1st)
- Hulon Adcox, 19, contempt of court, failure to pay
- Kirk D. Bergeron, 48, public drunk
- Hosie Bee Parker, 21, simple assault times three,

resisting arrest

- Joel Ricks, 21, simple assault times three
- Charles T. Grimsley, 25, simple assault times three, resisting arrest, contempt of court, failure to pay
- Steven W. Penton, 22, contempt of court
- Patrick Green Jr., 19, disturbance of family
- Marcel P. Randon Jr., 43, public drunk, disorderly conduct, parking in fire zone
- Patrick W. Green Sr., 46, simple assault, domestic violence
- Selma T. Lane, 30, DUI, improper equipment, careless driving, no insurance
- Quirina Marquez, 33, disorderly conduct
- Lauren Sutherland, 26, failure to pay fine, expired driver's license
- Gerald Ray Foster Jr., 41, simple assault (domestic)
- Joseph H. Schmidt, 30, sale of controlled substance, possession of precursor
- Donna R. Beech, 31, possession precursor
- Rickey Ace Edmonds, 29, possession of firearm by felon, possession of precursor
- Colby Jarrell, 20, con-

tempt of court, failure to pay

- Paul J. Jacobson, 33, mittimus to serve 10 years
- Dewanna C. Kowalski, 25, simple assault (domestic)
- Frankie Kowalski Jr., 28, simple assault (domestic)
- Wanda A. Epstein, 33, no seatbelt, DUI, open container, disorderly conduct
- Curtice Veach, 33, sale of fake controlled substance
- Gregory Dufrené, 38, simple assault (domestic)
- Felicia Cheramie, 24, DUI (1st), reckless driving
- Mary Thompson, 20, driving with suspended driver's license
- Dennis Alfred Geoffrey, 52, suspended driver's license, reckless driving, contempt of court, improper lane usage, improper equipment, DUI (2nd), no insurance, no seatbelt times 2
- Derwin Myers, 35, reckless driving, no insurance, DUI (1st)
- Wayne D. Wooley Jr., 29, resisting arrest by flight, public drunk
- Richard Carter, 28, public drunk, disorderly conduct
- Richard Goetz, 36, contempt of court
- Tiffany Barnett, 25,

mittimus to serve 30 days

- Sharyll Lynn Sharkus, 48, shoplifting (1st offense), public drunk
- William S. Chevis, 30, hold for Rankin County State Hospital
- Frank T. Hurman, 42, disturbance of peace, contributing to a delinquent
- William P. Rials, 49, shoplifting (3rd offense)
- George A. Nephew, 22, simple assault (domestic)
- Charles S. Parker, 23, early release violation, utter forgery times three
- Donner Nicole Vaughn, 23, sale of controlled substance
- David Crittenden II, 39, petit larceny (shoplifting), disorderly conduct (failure to comply)
- John Crittenden, 38, shoplifting
- Joshua A. Martin, 28, bad check times five
- Patricia A. Brown, 37, contempt of court
- John Jacob Lewis, 47, hold for Picayune Police Department
- David M. Hudson, 44, suspended driver's license, DUI, careless driving, possession of paraphernalia

Garber warns of coming car license checks at area schools

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber has issued a warning to motorists with out-of-state license plates to the effect his department will be conducting checks at the various schools in the county within a few days.

Last year the Sheriff's Department issued over 100 citations at the county schools during tag checks.

Garber said, "Out-of-state license plates on vehi-

cles in the county are among the most common complaints the Sheriff's Department receives."

Garber added, "I realize the license plate checks at the schools may cause some inconvenience to motorists with proper tags, but this is a necessary procedure to help eliminate some of the tag problems."

Students attending the county's school system must reside in the county, and it is illegal for a motorist

residing in the county to have out-of-state license plates on their personal vehicles.

State law gives new residents moving to the county 30 days to acquire new license plates for their vehicles. They have 60 days to obtain a Mississippi driver's license.

Garber indicated his department would have special deputy details to make the license plate checks at the schools.

Guard armory painting bids sought

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Bids are now being sought at the Mississippi National Guard Armory in Hancock County for remodeling the interior of the armory, according to SSG Carley W. Davis.

The project involves the stripping of existing paint, resealing walls and sealing, and repainting entire drill

hall. The National Guard Armory is located at 3016 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis.

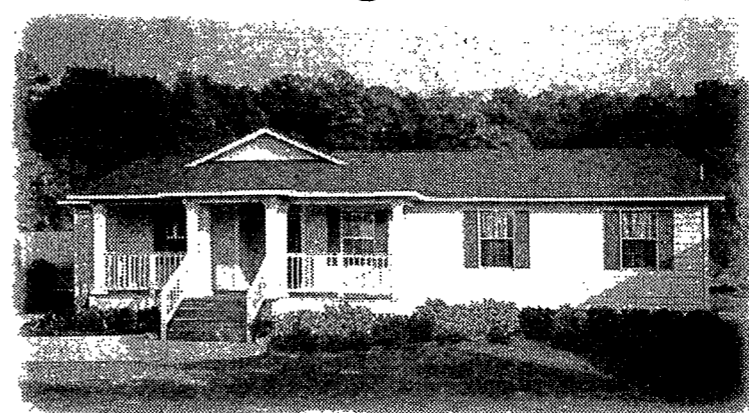
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Come to the Business & Industry Expo

Thursday is the big day for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

Those attending have a chance at winning the \$1,000 cash door prize, which could come in handy at this time of year. In addition, there will be drawings for many door prizes from the some 90 participants in the Expo.

Admission is \$2 per person at the door, and the hours are 4 to 7 p.m.

Food and beverages will be provided by areas businesses participating in the show.

Linda Graffeo, chairman of the Chamber's Member Services Committee and members have done a great job in making preparations for the Expo.

I know that Tish Williams, executive director of the chamber, is very pleased with the number of participants this year in the Expo. Tish has been working very hard handling the preparations.

So, mark your calendar today, Thursday, for 4 to 7 p.m. to be at the Hancock County Civic Center for the annual Business and Industry Expo.

On Saturday, September 21, the annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is sponsored by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force and area beautification groups, such as the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee.

The coastal cleanup, which includes the barrier islands, this year will include the west end and southern tip of Cat Island for the first time.

Faye Walmsley, Gulf Islands National Seashore ranger, is once again coordinating the barrier islands cleanup.

Hopefully there will be a number of folks from Hancock and western Harrison County interested in helping at Cat Island.

Persons interested may contact Ranger Walmsley at 228-875-9057, extension 114.

A new addition to Hancock County's cleanup will be Bayou La Croix, for which John Rosetti has agreed to be the leader. Persons with boats interested in helping September 21 in the Bayou La Croix area can reach Rosetti at 467-5496.

We will be telling you more about the cleanup as the day nears.

In today's issue of The Echo, there is a story about the cleanup in the chamber's special edition, which lists the zone captains in Hancock County you can contact to volunteer and help rid our area of litter.

A very popular annual event will be taking place on Saturday, September 28, at the Pass Christian Harbor.

I am referring to the Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a very popular celebration, and more news on it will be upcoming.

What's in our country's best interest?

The Senate is still facing a pressing problem that is dangerous to the American justice system, and bad for many American people.

Even though the President has nominated well-qualified men and women to be federal judges and federal marshals, a large percentage of the federal judiciary remains vacant because a few Senators are holding up these nominations for partisan political reasons. Though any President

deserves to have his nominees confirmed if they are clearly qualified, hearings on President Bush's judicial nominees are being consistently delayed, and the nominees are being attacked unnecessarily.

Presidents Reagan, Bush Sr., and Clinton all had over 90 percent of their judges confirmed during their first two years in office. Only 58 percent of President

George W. Bush's judiciary nominees have been con-

firmed so far - and more critically only 40 percent of his appellate court nominees have been confirmed. It seems some in the Senate are letting partisan politics stand in the way of our constitutional responsibility.

Senators must lay our differences aside and consider these nominees based on their education and experience, and not their political ideology.

Because the caseloads are so great and because the positions have languished unfilled for so long, almost half of the 80 judicial vacancies have been declared judicial emergencies by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The existence of

these vacancies is certainly not because we are lacking nominees. In fact, the Senate has dozens of nominations waiting, but they have not been acted upon.

As a result, justice is at the very least being postponed, and in some cases denied. It is unfair to keep those in need of justice waiting for ideological and partisan disagreements to be resolved.

The endless delays are not only hurting the public, they are also hurting the noble individuals desiring to serve the public in these judicial positions.

Many of these nominees

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From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

George W. Bush's judiciary nominees have been con-

IF ELVIS WERE ALIVE TODAY....



'Operation About Face' prepares youth for challenges ahead

A challenge, as defined by one source, is a "call or summons to engage in any contest, as of skill, strength, etc."

We face challenges every day, and the manner in which we respond to those challenges can determine our success or failure. Likewise, the manner in which we prepare our young people to respond to the challenges ahead of them will shape our collective future. That's where "Operation About Face" comes into play.

We want to help them answer that "call or summons," and the work is being done in many different ways.

By establishing education as a priority for our state, we are going to build a strong foundation for their future. The "Computers in the Classroom" initiative is bringing the world to every public school classroom in the state through the Internet, and our students

will develop technological skills that will be well-used in the economy of the 21st century. We have committed to paying our teachers as the professionals they are.

With their position at the front of the classroom, they are some of the most influential people in our children's lives. Our children deserve the very best in that position.

Now, with the "Operation About Face" program, we're working now to give them the tools and the confidence to take on any challenge that comes their way.

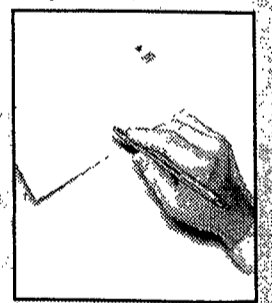
Focusing on economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 17, the program combines the skills of Mississippi National Guard personnel with the resources of the Mississippi Development Authority to provide a unique learning experience.

It gives them a first-hand understanding of how important reading and

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math skills are in dealing with situations they'll encounter in life, everything from balancing a checkbook to creating a budget for their home. More importantly, it gives them the confidence they'll need to make their dreams come true.

The first class of students in Mississippi's "Operation About Face" program graduated in June in Hattiesburg. There was a tangible sense of accomplishment among those young men and women, a sense that they had already taken on a challenge and won a contest of skills. Certain goals were set for the students in that first class, including a 72 percent completion rate and an increase of math and reading skills in 72 percent of the students. Both goals were not only met, but

exceeded. With a completion rate of 96 percent, nearly 100 percent of the students demonstrated improvements in their math and reading skills.

When we introduced this program in May, one of our goals was making it available to students across the state. This past week, we moved closer to overcoming that challenge with the announcement that we are establishing "Operation About Face" programs in Greenwood, Aberdeen and Pascagoula.

Our children are going to face challenges, and we want them to do so with the knowledge they can overcome them. We want them, to paraphrase Henry David Thoreau, to go confidently in the direction of their dreams and live the life they imagine. When that

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John F. Holmes Day in the Bay



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
John F. Holmes, second from right, gets a round of applause Saturday as Bay St. Louis Little Theatre Board President Scott Darrah presents him with a plaque proclaiming that the theatre's playhouse at 301 Boardman Ave. has been officially re-named the John F. Holmes Playhouse in his honor. Darrah said that Holmes had earned the honor due to the more than 30 years worth of volunteer work - including acting, set design and general maintenance - that he has devoted to the theatre. Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre also declared Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, as John F. Holmes Day in Bay St. Louis. Those pictured include BSL City Councilman Doug Seal, left, Favre, Darrah, Holmes and Supervisor Lisa Cowand.

Hancock Grand Jury report

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FINAL
REPORT OF THE
FEBRUARY 2002
TERM GRAND JURY
TO THE HONORABLE
SENIOR CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGE KOSTA
N. VLAHOS

We, the February, 2002, Grand Jury of Hancock County, Mississippi, having been duly selected, sworn, impaneled and charged respectfully submit our Final Report.

We were impaneled on February 4, 2002, and were in session February 28, 2002, March 14, 2002, May 2, 2002, June 27, 2002 and July 30, 2002 for a total of 5 days. During this time we considered a total of 111 cases. We returned 26 No True Bills, 66 True Bills of indictment, 17 cases were passed to the next Grand Jury and 2 cases were docketed in error. Of these 66 True Bills of indictment, 5 were returned as Habitual Offenders and 4 were returned as Enhanced Penalty.

The following speakers appeared before the Grand Jury to discuss their responsibilities:

1. Jimmie Ladner, Hancock County Tax Collector-Assessor;
2. Buddy Cuevas, MS Forestry Commission;
3. Mike Ladner, Superintendent of Education, Hancock County;
4. Steve Garber, Hancock County Sheriff;
5. Tim Kellar, Hancock County Chancery

Clerk/County Administrator.

1. The Grand Jury visited the Hancock County Justice Facility. The facility appears clean, well maintained and provides adequate services for the inmates. The Sheriff informed the Grand Jury about the new digital fingerprinting equipment, and the Grand Jury is impressed with the capabilities of the equipment.

2. This Grand Jury noted considerable differences between various jurisdictions in the preparation and presentation of cases; noted great variations in arrest, search, and documentation procedures. The Grand Jury recommends that every available means be taken to collect evidence needed for successful prosecutions. We recommend that the law enforcement personnel, policies, and procedures in these jurisdictions be addressed by the administrations and improvements be made.

3. The Grand Jury recommends and supports construction of a Juvenile Detention Center.

4. For the increased protection and safety of the citizens of Hancock County and Sheriff's personnel, the Grand Jury recommends that upgrades in communication equipment and patrol vehicles be considered as expeditiously as possible.

5. The Grand Jury recommends that law enforcement personnel salaries be examined for the purposes of recruiting and retaining officers and to avoid loss of training funds due to officer

turnover.

6. The Grand Jury is encouraged by the ongoing renovations to the Hancock County Courthouse. The Grand Jury recommends that after completion of the renovations, the courthouse be restored to its original condition.

7. The Grand Jury recommends that this and prior Grand Jury reports be acted upon by the appropriate authorities.

There being no further matters to consider at this time, we, the Grand Jury respectfully request that we be dismissed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 12th day of August, 2002.

KENNETH CRANFORD
FOREMAN

Coast Chorale first rehearsal of 2002/2003

Coast Chorale's first rehearsal of 2002/2003 season will be Tuesday, Aug. 20. There will be a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. with rehearsal at 7. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

Persons interested in choral singing (all voices welcome), please call Eric Meindl at 466-9529 for more information and audition times.

The Chorale recently received a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission which will enable more concert performances with small orchestras. The Chorale is scheduled to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Feb. 23, 2003.

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must undergo grueling months of waiting for confirmation, all the while putting their lives and careers on hold.

If the confirmation process remains this excruciating for individuals, it is likely that many good, well-qualified men and women will be compelled to decline such public service in the future, and the American people will be denied the benefit of the best and brightest talent available.

One extremely well qualified appellate court nominee awaiting a vote in the Senate

Judiciary Committee is a Texas judge named Priscilla Owen.

Her nomination was submitted by the President over a year ago, but her nomination is still being delayed. A member of the state Supreme Court of Texas, Owen is highly qualified for this position.

The American Bar Association in evaluating her professional competence, temperament, and integrity found her unanimously "well qualified" - the ABA's highest rating.

Yet, similar to the situation in which Mississippi's Judge Charles Pickering was rejected because of his conservative, Christian beliefs, she too is being opposed by liberal groups simply because of her conservative background.

Now, some in the national media and in liberal party circles say conservatives like myself did the same thing to President Clinton's nominees.

I would remind these critics that when Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated by President Clinton for the Supreme Court, I voted for her. Though I disagree with her views strongly, she unquestionably had the education and professional experience to serve on the nation's highest court. It is undeniable that Justice Ginsburg and I sharply differ on most issues, but our ideological differences were not the issue during her confirmation - her professional qualifications were.

Rather, it is now necessary for members of the Senate to look past philosophy, and consider a person based on their ability to perform their job and based on their professional qualifications and training.

If we do not overcome ideological barriers, many of these nominations will be pending indefinitely, and our justice system will continue to suffer.

Obviously, confirming judicial nominations is an important and difficult task, but the Senate is required by the Constitution to do so, and to do it without regard to partisan ideology and politics.

The authors of the Constitution clearly meant for the Senate to work with these positions, not to engage in an effort to wrest the power of appointing

judges away from him.

With an alarming number of vacancies on the bench, it is absolutely vital that the Senate move rapidly on judicial nominations.

This is not about what is the best interest for a political party. It is about what is in the best interest of our country.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

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Point Island Garden Club



The Point Island Garden Club recently installed new officers including, from left, Carol Cunningham, corresponding secretary; Helen Foster, recording secretary; Susan Schertzer, treasurer; Evelyn Winch, parliamentarian/historian; and Sylvia Gaffney, president. Not pictured is Maxine Burns, vice-president.

Regional -- upgrades

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Thursday, Paterno told a filled room that the recent \$11 million upgrade was a step in the right direction and that the additions had added one million gallons of capacity to the plant.

A large portion of the cost of the upgrade went into the construction of a new headworks; a measuring device to calculate the flow and strength of flow of waste from the three entities who are customers at the plant; and to update treatment systems to meet environmental standards. Added capacity was actually an extra, said Board member Mayor Tommy Longo after the meeting.

In recent months, many involved in the project had come under attack by critics who said the upgrade was an unnecessary addition and had not added capacity to the plant. Two high ranking employees resigned in recent months due in part to differences of opinion concerning the upgrade.

Harold Beard, of United Industries Inc., though saying he was as pleased as anyone by the report, stuck to his guns, saying that by performing more actual field tests, the plant would prove to have an even higher capacity than URS estimates show. Beard is the inventor and patent holder

of many of the systems used at the plant.

Official figures from the study will be delivered to the board in about two weeks.

URS also presented figures for future upgrades based on its findings. To upgrade the Waveland plant to a 6 million gallon-day capacity, which the company recommended for present customer growth, the estimated cost would be \$21.32 million which would include a \$10 million spray irrigation system, getting treated wastewater out of Edward's Bayou.

In the new plan, rather than bring wastewater from the communities of Kiln and Pearlinton to be treated at Southern Regional's existing location, plants would be built in those communities. A western plant would have an estimated cost of \$8.2 million, with a north plant having an estimated cost of \$5.49 million. The new plants would operate under the veil of Southern Regional.

All cost estimates include cost of construction only, but still fall well within the original estimate of around \$50 million to bring wastewater treatment service to the county, even with the recent expansion cost of \$11 million.

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The group is also concerned with the concepts of land conservation of areas that serve as flood plains, filters for nonpoint pollution from river and coastal waters, and buffer strips to protect and separate incompatible land uses.

It also seeks to insure that over development does not occur within watershed basins. Too much development in a water shed basin can add to flooding problems because water is not allowed to escape into the ground or vacate the area in a natural occurring manner. This problem has already become evident in other areas of the country.

Greenways plans to make use of areas already available such as the beach, walkway, and state and local parks seeking to link these areas, enhancing the park and recreation system within the county. Private land could also figure into the greenways plan. Benefits to locals are obvious, but such a system of

recreational pathways would also be invaluable to the tourist industry, the group stresses.

Greenways projects already exist in many areas. Greenways is looking for local input. They will also be going out for bids on various aspects of the planning, design, maintenance and other aspects of the project over the next few weeks. If you are interested in the Greenways Project contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce for more information. The next official meeting is on Sept. 13 at 8:15 a.m. Call the chamber for the location.

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Rally -- Mullins

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her father bought 13 Mustangs for \$250. He built three "new" cars from their parts, and Mullins' beloved vehicle was one of them.

Mullins has been driving her Ford, with 56,000 miles, daily for two years now; before that time, it was used strictly as a show car. Although her vehicle now provides Mullins with the basic need of transportation, it still offers her the opportunity to showcase her prized possession.

In 2001, Mullins participated in the Ladies Road Rally, a benefit for the restoration of the Crawford House at Tullis-Toledano Manor in Biloxi. Mullins' convertible was one of 15 participating cars last year, and she plans to rev up its engine once again this year.

The rally, planned for Sept. 7, will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and will finish at Tullis-Toledano Manor at 3:30 p.m. The ladies will make several stops along the Coast, creating a parade of vintage cars.

"The rally is so much fun because the ladies have to dress appropriate to their cars, and we eat every time we stop," Mullins said.

Antique cars, however, are not necessarily a requirement to join the parade of automobiles.

"One of the best things about the rally is that you don't have to have a vintage car to participate," she said. "One woman is bringing her new Cadillac, and she's dressing to the nines."

The event also allows for the occasional male to participate.

Ladies Road Rally

The Ladies Road Rally will be held Saturday, Sept. 7, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce.

Pit stops will include Parker's Jewelry, Hillyer House Gifts, Morning Market, Antiques & Interiors, Blue Skies Gallery and Rain Tree Center in Pass Christian.

The ladies will break for lunch at the Gulfport Centennial Museum and Union Station. Naomi's Catering will provide the lunch. The Car Care Company will offer the Ladies Car Care Class.

Then they will travel to Campanile Court, Belle Amie, Nezaty's, Home from Abroad, Chuck Kelly Salon, By Invitation Only and Leisure Lady.

The rally will finish at 3:30 p.m. at Tullis-Toledano Manor.

Participants may drive their own car or ride the Tullis Trolley for \$25 per person. The Tullis Trolley will depart for Pass Christian from Tullis-Toledano Manor at 9 a.m.

To register, call the Cultural Affairs Division of the city of Biloxi at 228-435-6308. The event is sponsored by the city of Biloxi, Tullis-Toledano Manor and Beau Rivage. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Crawford House at Tullis-Toledano Manor.

"There was one man involved last year," she said. "He was the chauffeur for a Bentley." At least the lady of the car allowed him to drive it that one time.

"Antiques cars are con-

sidered to be a 'male thing,' Mullins said. "A lot of women, however, love those cars just as much as the men. I've been involved with antique cars my whole life," she said.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Program aims to help low-income home buyers

By PAMELA HAMILTON
Associated Press
Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Home Corp. has issued \$25 million in bonds to fund a program for would-be homebuyers with flawed credit records.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said Monday the lease-to-own program will help low-income buyers and those with credit problems sidestep obstacles in getting loans to buy homes.

"With the first issuance of \$25 million in bonds, we're going to be able to help between 250 and 300 families across the state to have homes," Musgrove said.

The Get On Track Mortgage program is a partnership involving the Mississippi Home Corp., the

mortgage company Freddie Mac and lenders.

Congress created Freddie Mac to buy home loans from banks and other lenders to supply ready cash to the home mortgage market. They buy mortgages from lenders to keep in their portfolios and package others into securities for sale on Wall Street.

The MHC, established by the state to oversee government programs, repays the bonds with revenue generated by the mortgages.

Get on Track allows potential homebuyers to lease homes for up to 39 months. By then, officials estimate, the would-be buyers will have improved their credit standing enough to assume a mortgage loan.

The MHC pays for credit counseling to lessees during the 39-month period.

The program also pays the 3 percent needed for a down payment and closing costs. The maximum purchase price for a home is \$310,000. The mortgages carry an interest rate of 6.625 percent.

Chuck Morris, senior vice president of program operations for MHC, said the program is the first of its kind in the nation.

"We're plowing new ground," Morris said.

At 65 percent, Mississippi has one of the nation's highest home ownership rates.

Morris said lenders across the state have already reported receiving 150 applications for the program.

On the Net: Mississippi Home Corp., www.mshomecorp.com or Freddie Mac, www.freddiemac.com.



Director

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis announced recently that Jeff Avena is the new senior director of casino operations. Avena has over 20 years of gaming experience and was most recently the director of table games at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. At Casino Magic Bay St. Louis he is responsible for overseeing the daily casino operations.

Yarbrough returns to Boomtown

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Boomtown's parent company, Penn National Gaming, has returned Wayne Yarbrough to the casino as general manager.

Yarbrough opened the Back Bay casino in 1994 and served as general manager until October 2000. He was serving as Penn National's vice president of Mississippi casinos, overseeing operations at Boomtown and Casino Magic-Bay St. Louis, when the company asked him to return as general manager, replacing

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Discipline, patience determine investment success in any market

By John Bachmann
managing partner
Edward Jones

The recent stock market's upswings and downturns can be nerve-racking for even the most seasoned investor.

But ours is a cyclical business, heavily influenced by business cycles and investor sentiment.

Many of us have been through similar markets, and we know this temporary downturn is part of a normal cycle.

What follows are my personal views. And while I believe strongly in what I've written, remember, no one has a patent on right answers.

1. The market periodically goes through a cleansing process. When markets reach unusually high levels, as the "new economy" securities did, some event invariably triggers a sudden slide. In 1987, it was program trading. This time, the trigger was a loss of confidence in financial reporting.

2. The current market will probably end with a day or two of free fall. That will be a very scary time. Historically, there has been a pattern to these cycles.

The market slides steadily, but then we see a few periodic rallies which suggest we have reached the bottom. Before it truly bottoms, however, it drops sharply for several days in a row.

One day it opens significantly lower on huge volume, which scares the last shares out of weak hands. Absent some subsequent political event which is unforeseen, that represents the bottom.

3. There will be a flight to quality. It has already begun, as evidenced by the flow of investible dollars into fixed income. Here again, one must be careful.

Fixed-income investments should be diversified by maturity date, or investors will suffer when interest rates rise. Individuals should also continue to buy good stocks.

4. Investors buy shares, not the market. Some great companies have already reached their lows, so waiting doesn't guarantee a better price.

Since almost no one buys at the low (it is statistically impossible), investors should focus on selection of companies rather than timing.

5. Bargains will abound. Good investments drop along with poor ones. Companies that have tradi-

tionally had strong prospects now sell at favorable prices. If the shares go lower, investors can average down by buying more.

6. Lazy investors will buy crummy companies just because they are cheap, expecting them to rebound with the rest of the market.

Just remember, dropping a tennis ball on the sidewalk produces a different reaction than dropping an egg. Not everything bounces back.

7. Markets reflect both economics and psychology. In the current situation, the economy is recovering from recession, but psychology is focused on the quality of financial reporting.

History tells us that at market highs, when psychology is wonderful, there are few bargains. However, when markets fall and psychology is poor, bargains abound.

8. Serious long-term buyers love markets like these. Not only can they buy at prices they never expected to see, they can switch from companies or industries judged to be less promising into new investments that are priced attractively.

9. The strength of our overall economy is remarkable. We have lived through September 11 and a brief recession, but the economy has begun moving up again.

Once corporations get their accounting issues set-

tled, many of the attractive prices we see on individual stocks today will be just a memory.

More than anything else, discipline and patience determine investment success. We cannot predict the future. Absent the ability to predict the future, we must prepare for it.

Bachmann served two terms as chairman of the Industry Securities Association in 1987 and 1988, a time of great turbulence because of the October 1987 stock market crash.

He was active on the U.S. Steering Committee for the Group of 30, an international group that examined global financial issues, and chaired a task force for the implementation of clearance and settlement reform in the U.S. securities markets.

This effort included shortening the settlement cycle from five days to three days, significantly reducing the window of investment risk.

Bachmann has been a member of the board of governors of the Chicago Stock Exchange and has served on the Regional Firms Advisory Board of the New York Stock Exchange.

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The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a computer workshop, "Creating A Website For Your Small Business", on Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-noon at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has under consideration a proposal to adopt their Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget showing 0 % percent increase in its property tax revenue from all classes of property provided for in Section 112, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, as amended, with 3.5 millage decrease, and to increase its total expenditure budget by 7 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the budget on September 3, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at Coast Electric Power Association Conference Center, Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A final decision of the proposed budget will be made on September 3, 2002, in a public hearing to be held at Coast Electric Power Association Conference Center.

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TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
2t; August 18th & 25th, 2002

Obituaries

THOMAS ASHLEY
KATHRYN BENNETT
LYMAN CURRY JR.
JOHN B. DREW
EDGAR FOWLER
EARL MACLEOD
RANDOLPH NECAISE
RUBY SNODGRASS
MYRA STRINGER

THOMAS ASHLEY
 Thomas Ashley, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Gulfport. Services are pending at House of Richmond in Gulfport.

KATHRYN BENNETT
 Kathryn Elsie Malley Bennett, 73, of Kiln, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Bennett was a long-time resident of the Kiln Community.

She was a parishioner of the old St. Joseph Catholic Church, and then for many years, Annunciation Catholic Church of Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Bennett; her parents, Hilda Cuevas Malley and Oswald Malley; a long-time companion, W.C. Tarver; sisters Alberta Malley, Eldora Ford; brothers Eddie, James, Harold, Steven, Oliver and an infant brother; and also by two infant sons.

Survivors include sons Bruce Bennett of Kiln and Roger Dale Ford of Rocky Hill; daughter Ann Lazarus of Laurel; sister Vevlyn Malley Norton of Gulfport; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Monday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Riemann Funeral Home, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, with recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church. Burial will follow at a later date to be announced.

LYMAN CURRY JR.
 Lyman Claude "L.C." Curry Jr., 27, of Waveland, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in Pearlinton.

Mr. Curry was a native of Pearlinton and a resident of Waveland. He was a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Waveland.

Survivors include a son, Elijah Curry of Waveland; a daughter, Jamarra Curry of Pass Christian; his parents, Alton and Elizabeth Benoit Sr. of Waveland and Lyman and Vivian Curry Sr. of Orlando, Fla.; four brothers, Tahir Curry of Orlando, Kristian Robert of Jacksonville, Fla., Andre Benoit of Norfolk, Va., and Alton Benoit Jr. of Atlanta; eight sisters, Shanaiwa Willis and Tashonda Benoit of Orlando, Crystal Willis and Dorothy Gooden of Waveland, Renee Benoit of

the U.S. Navy, Pauline Benoit and Leslie Benoit of Gulfport and Beverly McCoy of San Marcos, Texas; his grandfathers, Harvie Burse of Pearlinton and William Curry of Bay St. Louis; and his grandmothers, Flora Hemingway of Orlando and Clothilde Benoit of Bay St. Louis.

Services were conducted Saturday at Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Pearlinton. Burial was in Lindsey Cemetery in Logtown, directed by Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

JOHN B. DREW
 John B. Drew, 85, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Drew was a resident of Diamondhead. He retired from Gulf Oil as an operations supervisor. He was a member of Diamondhead Baptist Church, Oak Park Baptist Church in New Orleans and Community Baptist Church. He served as a deacon in each church and was a Mason and a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Drew of Diamondhead; a son, Richard B. Drew of Mandeville, La.; two daughters, Janet Swan of Kuwait and Debbie Golden of Nigeria; a brother, Mortimer Drew Jr. of Charleston, S.C.; a sister, Sarah Hilliard of Wallingford, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at Diamondhead Baptist Church, where friends may call 30 minutes before service time.

Burial will be private. The family prefers memorials be made to the Diamondhead Baptist Church Building Fund or the Community Baptist Church of Fenton. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is handling arrangements.

EDGAR FOWLER
 Edgar A. Fowler, 79, of Gulfport, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Fowler was a native of Oakvale, Miss. and a resident of Gulfport for over 50 years. He was a member of Haven Chapel United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Fowler, Sr. and his mother, Mary Tarell Fowler.

Survivors include five sons, Edgar Allen Fowler, Gerald A. Fowler and Ray Adams, all of Gulfport, Zachary S. Fowler of Gaithersburg, Md., and Gabriel Adams in Biloxi; two daughters, Michelle

Fowler at Greenbelt, Md., and Mary Fowler of Alexandria, Va.; two sisters, Georgia Fobb and Lilly Mae Dean, both of E. St. Louis, Ill.; a brother, Will Fowler, Jr. of Pearlinton; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Friday at St. Andrew Church of God in Christ in Gulfport.

Interment will be Monday, August 19, in Biloxi National Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.

Lockett-Williams' Mortuary, Inc. is in charge of services.

EARL MACLEOD
 Earl L. MacLeod, 68, of Waveland, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. MacLeod was a native of George County and a resident of Waveland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dougle S. and Rosa Lee Cassidy MacLeod.

Burial will be private in Magnolia Cemetery in Lucedale, directed by Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

RANDOLPH NECAISE
 Randolph J. Necaise, 83, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Necaise was a native and lifelong resident of the Coast. He was employed as a nurse assistant at the Gulfport VA hospital until his retirement. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II where he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus where he received an honorary 4th degree. Mr. Necaise was a member of American Legion Post #58, Kiln.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virgie Shaw Necaise; his parents, Ambrose and Agnes Dora Necaise; five brothers, Amos, Eldon, Milton, Earl and Norvel Necaise.

Survivors include two sons, Bennie R. Necaise of Crestview, FL, and Patrick J. Necaise of Hancock County; a daughter, Brenda Malley of Gulfport; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Services were conducted Saturday at Crane Creek Baptist Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in Crane Creek Cemetery.

RUBY SNODGRASS
 Ruby Lively Snodgrass, 87, of Arlington, Texas and Pass Christian, died Sunday, August 11, 2002.

Mrs. Snodgrass was born Nov. 14, 1914 in DeLisle, one of seven children born to Rose and Lazare Cuevas. She married Edgar Lively Dec. 24, 1934 in Pass Christian. They raised five children there and ran Lively's Grocery Store on West Second St. until Edgar's death in 1963. Mrs. Snodgrass moved to Texas after Hurricane Camille. Years later she met and married Bob Snodgrass.

She was preceded in death by her spouses; her daughter, Carolyn Taylor; her brothers Forest and Cornelius Cuevas; and her sisters, Beulah Castelin and Ollie Faulk.

Survivors include two sisters, Lula Vella and Agnes Harshbarger of Pass Christian; a son, Kenneth Lively of Denton, Texas; four daughters, Marjorie Ackroyd, of Ft. Worth, Texas, Ruby Jo Bowden, of Jackson, Miss., and Angela Lively of Arlington, Texas; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church and burial was in DeLisle Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Castle Peak Hospice, 8750 North Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75231.

MYRA STRINGER
 Myra Marcel Stringer, 75, of Long Beach died Wednesday, August 14, 2002, in Waveland.

Mrs. Stringer was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Long Beach for 43 years. She was an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach and was active in several prayer groups.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. Stringer Jr.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Marcel; mother-in-law, Agnes Stringer; and sister-in-law, Nancy Marcel.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Stringer of Waveland; a brother, Henry Marcel, of New Orleans; caregiver Mary Biehl of Waveland; special friend Jeffery Latimer of Gulfport; eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach, followed by celebration of a Mass of the Resurrection.

Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport. Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

Pass schools open house

Pass Christian Middle School will hold its Open House on Tuesday, August 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Pass Christian High School will hold its Open House on August 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Highway Patrol officer finds \$1 million cash stashed in Porsche

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A state trooper Thursday

found more than \$1 million in cash stashed under the hood of a 2002 Porsche in rural Mississippi and arrested the 21-year-old driver.

Trooper Brad Vincent stopped Jorge Javier Magallanes near Pelahatchie and arrested him for driving without a license or car tag.

"The driver began to act nervous and that raised suspicions," Vincent said. "My experience told me something was not quite right."

Vincent requested help from the Rankin County K-9 unit. A dog found \$1,103,125 hidden in a hood compartment.

Officials are still trying to determine the source of

the money.

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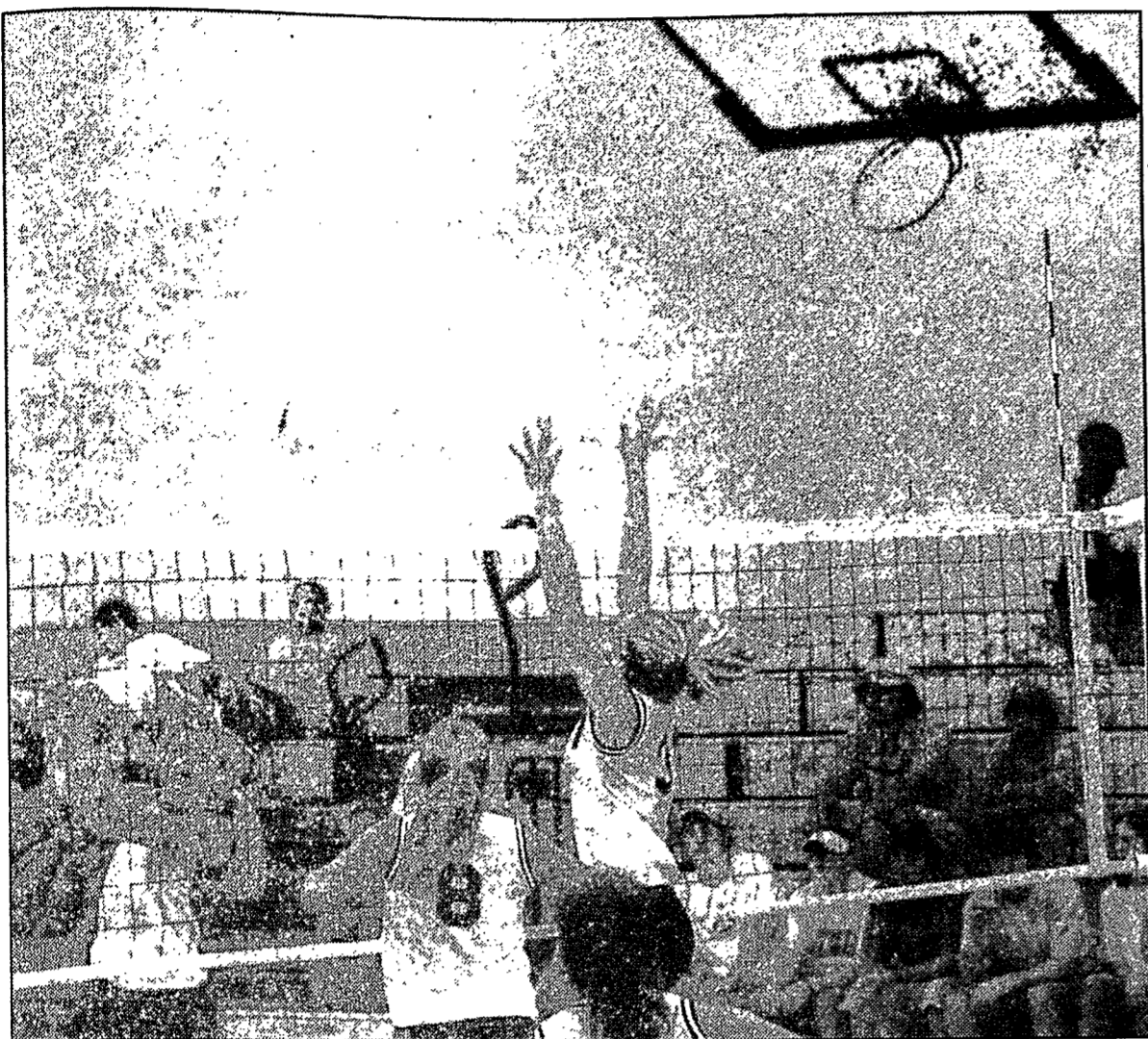
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SPORTS



The OLA Crescents defeat the Vancleave Lady Bulldogs Tuesday in volleyball action.

OLA bruises Bulldogs, starts 2-0

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Our Lady Academy Crescents have picked up where they left off last year on the volleyball court. The Crescents have jumped out to a 2-0 record on the young season with wins over Ocean Springs and Vancleave. On Tuesday, August 13, OLA opened 2002 with a win over the visiting Lady Greyhounds. Then, on Thursday, August 15, the Crescents rallied from early deficits in both sets to claim a 2-0 win over the Lady Bulldogs of Vancleave.

Two seasons ago, the Lady Bulldogs bumped OLA out of the playoffs and finished state runner-up. Last season, the Crescents did the opposite and finished as state runner-up.

On Thursday night, OLA spotted Vancleave a 6-0 lead before they broke their serve. The Crescents stormed back to claim 15-11 decision in the first set. IN

the second set, OLA gave Vancleave three points before storming back to claim a 15-11 decision and the win.

OLA coach Steve Reboul stated, "In both games, we started slow and came back strong. We played a solid floor game tonight and had great serves. We lost the best volleyball player in the state, Emily Meyers, to graduation. She was our top hitter last season. This year, we have several girls that can hit for kills. Lauren Renz played like a

leader tonight for being just a freshman. Katherine Milner and Grace Allen are two of our top hitters. Rachel Cranford had a super game setting the ball."

Cranford led the team with 12 assists against Vancleave while Milner recorded nine points.

The Crescents open their division schedule on Tuesday, August 20, against cross-town rival Bay High. The junior varsity game begins at 6pm with the varsity game to follow.

Volleyball update

Hancock-Hattiesburg

The Hancock Lady Hawks won their season opener in volleyball Thursday, 15-6, 15-8, over Hattiesburg. Brittany Peterson scored a team high 11 points for the Lady Hawks.

In the junior varsity contest, Hancock downed Hattiesburg 15-4, 15-1. Katrina Zamniser scored 12 ppints for the junior Lady Hawks.

MS Gulf Coast Fishing Tournament is Aug. 22-25

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Big fish can mean big bucks during the 5th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Fishing Tournament August 22-23 at the President Broadwater Resort in Biloxi.

The tournament offers \$125,000 in cash and prizes and is sponsored by K99FM, Magic 93.7, President Casino, Fox 25 WXXV and Alltel and Ocean Marine Group.

A portion of the proceeds will go to CAA (Coastal Conservation Association).

The tournament is one of the last big tournaments of the season in Biloxi and offers \$25,000 for state records in King Mackerel and Speckled Trout categories, a \$25,000 boat from Ocean Marine Group for a state record in Yellowfin Tuna and a \$25,000 truck from Turan-Foley Cadillac-Chevrolet-Buick for a state record in Red Snapper.

Last year a state record Grey Snapper was caught by local angler, Jerry Delahoussaye, Jr.

The inshore division will offer cash prizes in four categories including Speckled Trout, Black Fish, Redfish

and Croaker.

The offshore division will offer cash prizes in categories including Red Snapper, Cobia, King Mackerel, Wahoo, Dolphin and Yellowfin Tuna.

All teams fishing for tuna are required to present daily boat logs.

The tournament has become popular along the coast, and this year will include a free Kids' Fishing Tournament on Saturday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids are encouraged to enter for the biggest Speckled Trout and Redfish. Edgewater Mall will award prizes for first through fourth place for children 12 and under.

K99FM will present the finals of the Colgate Country Showdown on Saturday and Sunday during the event in addition to other entertainment and food and beverage booths.

The Showdown features some of the best country talent along the Mississippi Gulf Coast who will compete for a chance to win \$100,000 and go to Nashville for the national finals.

Other tournament spon-

sors include Budweiser, Suzuki City, Coca Cola and Wilz, Nordstrom and Barq Financial Advisors.

Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Aug. 13 Match Play winners include: Doris Merritt, Kay Wingate, Nancy Witt, Nancy Hanby, Betty Arceneaux, Quida Parker, Dee Horst and Julie Hudson. Chip-ins: Kay Wingate, Margaret Holt and Perk Landry. PCI Nines: Low net, Gwenn Voigts, first; and Judy Veltman, second.

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Diamondhead Women's Golf results

BY MARY POSTIER

Winners for the following Diamondhead Nines golf events for the month of July are:

Trophy Day - July 2

First Flight: Maureen Holt (low gross) - Clare Chaffe (low net) - Donna Brown (low putts).

Second Flight: Sue Stevens (low gross) - Peggy Satterlee (low net) - Jerry Ingraham (low putts).

Third Flight: Pat Heyd (low gross) - Mary Postier (low net) - Shirley Smith (low putts).

July 9 - Blind Threesome

First: Jeanette Sullivan, Mary Postier and Billie Bahner.

Second: Shirley Schaffer, Darlene Park and Sue Stevens.

Third: Donna Brown, Sue Campbell and Mimi Alef. Chip in - Mary Postier.

July 16 - Add Par 4's

First Flight: Sue Campbell, Sue Stevens and Sue Munn.

Second Flight: Loma Decker, Jerry Ingraham and Bettisue Hendrix.

Third Flight: Mary Postier, Darlene Park and Liz Bertucci. Chip-ins were made by Bettisue Hendrix, Carol Perry and Betty Reddock.

July 23 - Putter and 1 Club Foursome

First Place: Dianne Ackerman, Sue Stevens and Emilie Abell.

Second Place: Jeanette Sullivan, Jerry Ingraham, Loma Decker and Darlene Park.

Third: Clare Chaffe, Pat Morgan and Carrie Perkins.

July 30 - Red/White/Blue

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Winners from the recent Gulf Coast Sportsman Club's annual Children's Fishing Rodeo. King Fisherman for the day was Anthony Jordan, who caught a 38 pound fish; queen was Trinity Jordan, who caught a 44.55 pound fish. The largest fish of the day was caught by Michael Cook, who caught a massive black drum.



Gov. Musgrove requests federal funding to combat West Nile Virus

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove has submitted a letter to President George Bush requesting federal funding to support Mississippi's ongoing efforts regarding the West Nile Virus.

In the letter, Musgrove asks for a total of \$7.8 million under an emergency declaration to cover costs incurred by local and state agencies for emergency protective measures as well as for future control measures.

"I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of

the state and affected local governments," Musgrove wrote. "Supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives, (and to) protect property, public health and safety." A total of 51 confirmed cases of human infection with the West Nile Virus have been identified to date, and the virus has been found in 49 counties statewide in humans, birds, horses or mosquitoes.

Musgrove declared a state of emergency on August 9, which provided authority for officials to access private property as part of their efforts to control the spread of the virus.

"Emergency Care at HMC"

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Depression glass at Kiln Library

THE SEA COAST ECHO

An exhibit of pink Depression glass owned by Judy Ryan of Diamondhead is currently on display at the Kiln Public Library.

More than 50 pieces are included in the collection, which Ryan obtained from her mother, who resides in Pennsylvania.

The display includes a variety of patterns. Some of the pieces include a Humpty-Dumpty mug, a berry bowl with two monkey dishes, man and woman containers, a snowflake plate and much more.

More information is available by calling the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

The library system can be accessed through the Web at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

DialPac, the library system's automated catalog, can be accessed via home, business or school modem

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Mark your calendar now to attend the 5th annual Business & Industry Expo sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, August 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road. The event is open to the public and admission is \$2 per person.

Linda Gruff, chairman of the Chamber's Member Services Committee, says this is one event you do not want to miss with more than 90 area businesses participating.

Businesses will promote their products and services to consumers attending the show. Consumers will enjoy the great give-aways, food, beverages and entertainment for all ages provided by exhibitors throughout the afternoon.

Each person, over the age of 18, who visits at least 50% of the booths, will have the chance to win one \$1,000 cash prize. K-99 will assist throughout the day with music and a live remote.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce promotes the social, civic and economic well-being of the County, and is a voluntary organization of 700 business, community and governmental leaders who represent over 5,000 employees.

Upcoming Events
September 6: 7:30 p.m. Doors Open
Moonlight on the Bay
Gala Dinner Dance benefiting Hancock Medical Center Foundation.
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September 13: 9 a.m.-12 noon

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September 18 at 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Mayor Eddy Favre, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Bay Tower Hotel.

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Tickets: \$10 per person.

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September 19, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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September 28: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sunday, September 29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Mosquito control: Protection is best defense

BY BONNIE COBLENTZ
Mississippi State University

The fight to prevent West Nile Virus will likely be won on a personal level, with individual protection being the best defense against the disease.

James Jarratt, entomologist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said the West Nile Virus, a type of encephalitis, is being transmitted primarily by the Southern house mosquito, a *Culex* species found statewide.

"Not every mosquito that we see is a carrier of this disease," Jarratt said. "For every identifiable case of the disease that we see, there are probably 100 to 150 other cases where people get a mild form of the disease and never know what they had."

Mosquitoes carry the disease after feeding on an infected animal. In the case of the West Nile Virus, the disease is found in birds, typically blue jays, and crows.

When a mosquito lands on a person to feed, it inserts its mouthparts and injects an anticoagulant into the skin, then cleans out its feeding channels into the person before eating.

"This is when the disease organism passes from the mosquito into the person," Jarratt said. "Since mosquitoes pierce the skin to draw blood, they are able to inject the disease organism into the circulatory system."

Jarratt said other than birds, only humans and horses get the West Nile Virus. Personal protection against mosquito bites is the best protection against getting the virus.

"If you're outside early in the morning or late in the afternoon, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts," Jarratt said. "Apply an insect repellent that contains DEET to all exposed skin."

He said to follow label directions when applying DEET and keep it out of the eyes. DEET is a repellent, not an insecticide, and keeps mosquitoes from landing and feeding on people.

"DEET is the most effective product on the market," Jarratt said. He said some other products have some mosquito repellency, but none as much as DEET.

Citronella candles are popular outside repellents, but Jarratt said breezes reduce their effectiveness by diffusing the substance in the air.

To prevent mosquito bites indoors, keep the insects outside. Make sure screens fit snugly and have no holes, and don't leave doors or windows open.

If you're going in or out, look around the door to see if there's any mosquitoes. Wave your hand around to shoo away any that you find, and then quickly open and shut the door," Jarratt said.

"The longer the door is open, the more opportunity mosquitoes have to come

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WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE ...

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com

Our seas of grass – some of our most vital resources

I was riding on my mower cutting grass on the side of the house near the large live oak when a station wagon pulled up and the two people inside waved at me. I drove the mower over and got off.

"I bought it! Its mine!" I recognized the driver as a friend who had been trying to purchase a small tract of marshland adjacent to his land. A developer had been turned down on his request to develop the land and my friend had put in a follow on contract and bought it. He sat in the driver seat all smiles, obviously elated.

"We saw a bobcat and an eagle about a week ago!" his companion said after being introduced. He was from New Orleans

and on my friends urging, had also bought some nearby land also with a tract of marsh.

We talked for a few minutes about the marsh and its inherent treasures and then the two drove off and I remounted my mower. It doesn't take a world of skills to run a mower and I soon found I had time to reflect on what we had talked about.

The pieces of marsh the two had bought were not that large and each had cost a great deal of money but they had both made their buys without hesitation. This is something to think about.

As the developer had found, there was nothing material either could do with the land; it was mostly wetland and some tidal water. I've seen the site and I'm sure it probably contains in addition to the bobcat and the eagle,



Marsh islands on the Bay of St. Louis.

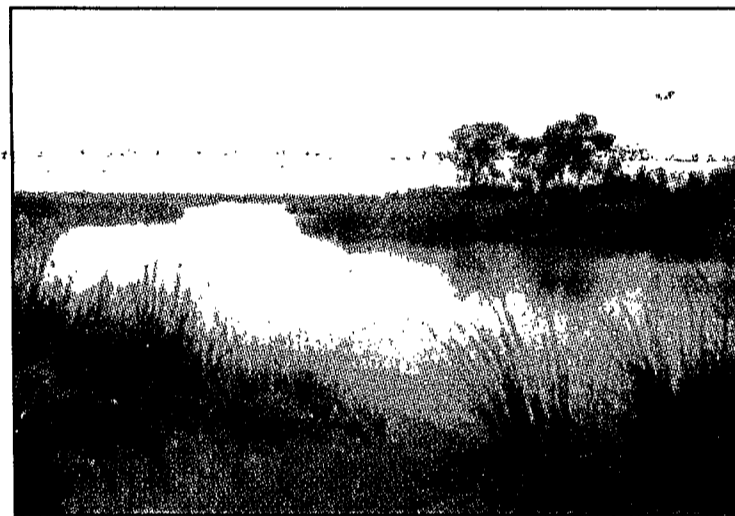
water moccasins, rattlers, mice, mosquitoes, and clouds on clouds of no-sees-ums.

Yet the two had bought the land and were apparently very delighted to do it. Why?

In the Mississippi Sound, we see jellyfish and look at them as if each of the ones we see is a single creature. But it is not. The single unit we see is really a colony of organisms that cannot exist separately. Together, they make up the jelly-like mass we see pulsing through the water as if it were a single living form.

The marsh is very much like that and my two friends knew this. They were willing to buy the water moccasins, the rattlers, the mice, the mosquitoes and the no-sees-ums so that they could see the bobcats and eagles. They know that without one, there would not be the other.

They also knew there were other things to see as well, egrets and herons and hawks and passing wild geese and ducks ... all vibrant interdependent parts of the whole of what makes up what we see when we see the marsh.



Bayou La Croix.

But it's not just its individual constituents; the whole is a beautiful thing to see by itself. Watch it when it's brushed by a strong gust of wind, when, like a living invisible creature, the wind moves over the marsh and the golden grasses bend to mark its passage.

Watch the swaying movement of the grass trace the wind's path until it meets the tall dark pines that, stout as they are, move their branches aside to mark the wind's passing presence.

All of these are what they bought.

And in a way that is what we all have bought

when we choose to live here. For the marsh around us is a heritage left for us by the people that were here before us. It is a heritage that is not a keepsake, but a living presence that exists around us and is a vital part of our lives. So much so that we don't even think of its existence in a conscious way. It's there and it's ours to keep, to enjoy, and to protect.

But we must not think of the marsh as an isolated entity, its presence goes far beyond its immediate borders. Let me give you an example, one I have written about before but illustrates what I am try-

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Check your watch: It's time to enjoy four o'clocks

SOUTHERN GARDENING

BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center

Many people are looking at tired gardens in the late summer and fall, but Miss Ann is a friend near Terry, Miss., who will tell you it's time for Mississippians to enjoy four o'clocks for their beauty and their fragrance.

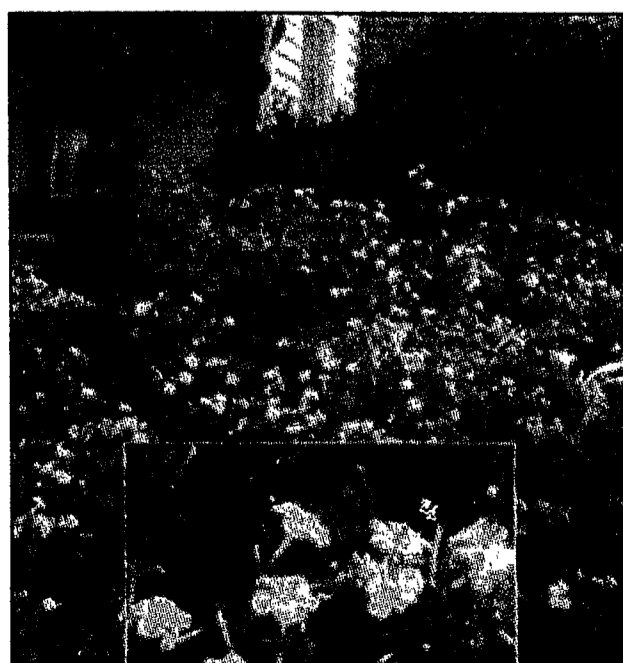
Many Southerners are familiar with the four o'clock. The red, yellow, white or multi-colored flowers open in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, give or take an hour. The blossoms emit a tantaliz-

ing fragrance that makes family and friends want to sit on the porch and talk awhile. This performance lasts almost all night and runs from summer through fall.

The four o'clock is known botanically as *Mirabilis jalapa* and is also known as Beauty-Of-The-Night and Marvel-of-Peru. Though it is native to Peru, you will swear it has Mississippi in its genes by the way it takes to our climate. It will re-seed and form underground tubers, too. Tubers have been known to weigh 40 pounds in native areas. This prolific nature makes it slightly aggressive, and it needs to be managed.



Norman Winter



TIME FOR FOUR O'CLOCKS - The colorful flowers of the four o'clock offer beauty and evening fragrance the whole family will enjoy from summer through fall.

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RIF Program targets 20,000 students in new school year

The University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Community and Civic Engagement will utilize a \$80,000 grant to distribute books to some 20,000 students in Mississippi during the new school year.

The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) grant will allow the distribution of three books to each student in scattered locations throughout the state. Founded in 1966 in Washington, D.C., RIF is the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit family literacy organization.

According to Joyce O. Inman, AmeriCorps/VISTA state program director, the RIF initiative will add to the CCCE's existing mentoring and tutoring initiatives, campus visits, college outreach workshops and parental involvement programs aimed at showing young people the importance of education.

"The RIF program helps families and communities prepare young children for reading and motivates older

children to read," Inman said.

RIF serves more than 3.5 million children through a network of more than 240,000 volunteers. Two-thirds of the children served by RIF have economic or learning needs that put them at risk of failing to achieve basic educational goals.

Along with schools, libraries, service groups and other organizations, CCCE will customize the RIF program to fit the needs of the children it serves in Mississippi.

Inman said this past year, 5,000 disadvantaged children received three books that they could keep for their own through the RIF/CCCE partnership.

"The CCCE is excited about the opportunity to expand this program to serve 20,000 students this upcoming year," said Dr. Tom Schnaubelt, director of the center, noting the children are given an opportunity to pick books from an enormous and varied selection of books with which they are presented.

"Most importantly, they understand that the books they choose are theirs to keep," said Inman. "They can choose whatever book they like, on whatever subject they like."

Through this program, CCCE hopes to help children and their families view reading as a means of learning and pleasure, added Schnaubelt.

The USM-based center currently is looking for several schools to participate in the RIF program for the upcoming school year. Representatives of schools interested in participating in the program should contact Inman at (601) 266-6876 or send e-mail to joyce.inman@usm.edu by Aug. 26.

Two Hattiesburg-area sites currently partnered with CCCE for the RIF program are DREAM of Hattiesburg Inc. and the Hattiesburg Family Education Center, both after-school programs.

MDHS collects past due child support through tax interception

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), Division of Child Support Enforcement, announced that \$21.6 million was collected in past-due child support through an interception of state and federal income tax refunds due absent parents for 2001.

Collections for 2002 currently exceed \$19.4 million. The federal tax rebates will also be subject to tax interception for past-due child support. Additional collections from these tax rebates will be added to the collections for 2001.

Many families who could benefit from this service have not applied. Families not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), (formerly AFDC), are urged to contact their county Department of Human Services' Child Support Office for information and the necessary application forms.

The tax program is free to all who are receiving TANF/AFDC or Medicaid only as administered through the MDHS. Other families may

obtain this service by completing a child support application and paying a one-time fee of \$25.

Interested persons should provide all required information by September 15, 2002, and earlier, since additional documents may be needed.

MDHS's division of Child Support Enforcement will then process the documents necessary to intercept possible tax refunds for tax year 2002.

Other requirements for tax offset services include: (a) past due child support amounts verified at \$500 or more; (b) absent parent's verified social security number; and, (c) a copy of the court order that established the support obligation.

Alimony can be collected through tax interception for non-TANF/AFDC child support cases when the related child support obligation is being enforced by MDHS and other criteria are met.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS MS 233 met Tuesday, August 13 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Avenue. Best loser for the week was Judy with 4 lbs. KOPS best loser was Rose. There was 13 members present. Gift was won by Jeanette. The Incentive was won by Rose.

At the area meeting, August 10 in Latimer, TOPS 233 won significantly.

1. TOPS #MS 233, Waveland recognized as Best Average Chapter Loss - first place for February, March, April 2002. Received a plaque.

2. Wenda was recognized as Female Quarterly Best Loser - first place for February, March April, 2002 and received a plaque.

3. Wenda recognized as Female Quarterly Best Loser second place

4. TOPS #MS 233,

Waveland was recognized as Best Average Chapter Loss, first place.

TOPS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weight-ins are 5-6 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. For more information, call Wenda at 467-1695.

What's for Lunch?

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Monday: Pancake and Sausage, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese with Trimmings, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Fresh Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll

Tuesday: Stuffed-Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Pobo, with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chews

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pears

Friday: Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese with Vegetable Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll

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Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Sandwich, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Friday: Cereal with Toast or Texas Breakfast Pizza, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Red Beans with Rice and Sausage, Turkey Sub, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Lasagna, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Chef Salad, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies

Wednesday: Beef Tips over Noodles, Hamburger, Chef Salad, Tater Tots, Black-eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Chicken Fajita, Roast Beef Pobo, Chef Salad, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jelly-O

Friday: Taco Salad, Pizza, French Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream

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Served daily:**
**Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert, Milk
and Condiments
LUNCH**

Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Cheeseburger, Turkey Sub, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Lasagna, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Chef Salad, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies

Wednesday: Beef Tips over Rice, Hamburger, Chef Salad, Tater Tots, Black-eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Chicken Fajita, Roast Beef Pobo, Chef Salad, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jelly-O

Friday: Taco Salad, Pizza, Chicken Salad, French Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream

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Bay girl is state finalist in '02 Princess Pageant

Emily Elaine Tedesco, 3, daughter of Joey and Trishia Tedesco, has been chosen as a state finalist in the Mississippi American Princess Pageant to be held August 23 and 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson.

The pageant is held for girls ages 3-6. The winner of the pageant will receive a cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses, transportation to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla., plus a day in Disney for two.

She will also have an exciting year representing her state making appearances, riding in parades, working with several charitable organizations, as well as the opportunity to meet the Governor and modeling and television opportunities. Other pageants are held for the state to include girls ages 3-20.

Thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships,

trophies, and prizes will be awarded during the state pageant weekend. According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss America Coed Pageants System has awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships to deserving young ladies. There is no makeup allowed ages 3-12.

Families interested in receiving information about the pageants may call or write American Coed Pageants Headquarters, 1613 W. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660, phone (256) 381-1850, fax (256) 314-6830.

The pageants are for "tomorrow's leaders." They are open to girls ages 3-20 with goals and dreams based on inner beauty as well as poise, appearance, and an "all-American spirit for family, fun, and friends."

Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning



Emily Tedesco

new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving goals.

Emily's activities include playing house, singing, dancing, playing in the mud, and using her imagination.

She also enjoys going to the beach, BBQ's, and spending time with her family and friends. Her sponsors include Choctaw Optical, Charlie Henderson Ford, Inc., Champion Dodge, family, friends and local businesses.

Weddings

Moran-Coleman

Monica Moran and Frank Coleman

Mr. and Mrs. Welsey E. Moran of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Monica Lynn Moran, to Frank Ervin Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tillman, Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a Hancock High School graduate and is self-employed.

The prospective groom is a Bay High School



graduate and is also self-employed.

The marriage will take place Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. in

the Hancock County Civic Center.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

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PO1 BALLEW

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher P. Ballew, son of Betty Ballew of Burnsville, N. C. and Louis Ladner of Pass Christian, recently visited Marmaris, Turkey while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Laboon, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Ballew is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS George Washington Carrier Battle Group and USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group, which will soon participate in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The port call started with an ascent up the Bulbul Mountain that offered a view of the Turkish countryside. Sailors and Marines also had the opportunity to visit Christian holy sites.

The last stop of the visit was to the ancient ruins of Ephesus, one of the largest towns of the Roman Empire.

Sailors finished with a visit to the great temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Ballew is a 1992 graduate of Charles D. Owen High School of Black Mountain, N.C. and joined the Navy in October 1992.

JAMES BURKHALTER III

James M. Burkhalter III has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days.

An enlistment in the

reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

Burkhalter, a 2002 graduate of Pass Christian High School, has reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training.

He is the son of James M. and Cheryl A. Burkhalter of Bay St. Louis.

'Bid for Life' auction and extravaganza open to public

The 7th annual "Bid for Life" is again this year's major fund-raiser for the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force (SMATF).

"Bid for Life" has become one of the most anticipated events within the Gulf Coast community, and this year hosted by Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, promises to be the biggest and most spectacular ever.

There will be a live and silent auction of donated art, specialty items, resort stays, services and trips.

The attire for the evening is Gulf Coast casual. Entertainment for the evening is the Ray Zanders Trio.

"Bid for Life" is one of the Gulf Coast's premier art events with over 150 artists donating their work for this worthy cause.

In 2001, artists, businesses, and a wide variety of services ranging from spa escapes, dinners to veterinary services and much more comprised over 250 silent auction items.

Honorary chair is Bruce Nourse, Beau Rivage.

Event chairs are John "Chappy" and Starr Chapman.

Tickets for the event are \$35 per person and \$60 per couple in advance or \$40 per person and \$70 per couple at the door.

They are available through the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force office, Post Office Box 8009, Biloxi, MS 39535; charge to Visa or Master card by phone at 228-385-1214, or at the Beau Rivage the night of "Bid for Life."

All artists and businesses that want to help, call the South MS AIDS Task Force at 228-385-1213.

Coast Chorale rehearsal is Tuesday

The Coast Chorale announces its first rehearsal of the 2002/2003 season is Tuesday, August 20 with pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. and rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian.

Persons interested in choral singing (all voices welcome), please call Eric Meindl at 228-466-9529 for more particulars and audition times.

The chorale has recently received a grant from Mississippi Arts Commission which will enable more concert performances with small orchestras, wider repertoire and broader-scope of music in general.

February 23, 2003 the chorale is scheduled to perform in New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Births

KELAN MICHELLE LADNER

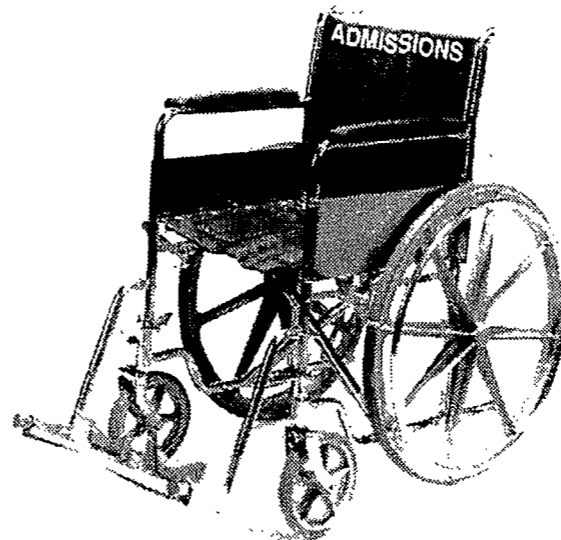
Melanie Perniciaro and Kimmy Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Kelan Michelle, July 2, 2002 at 10:03 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Micki Perniciaro of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Kim and Delaine Ladner of Kiln. Great-grandparents include Carmel Jeanfreau of Lakeshore, the late J. L. Lenfant, Bernadine Perniciaro of Waveland and the late Nancy Perniciaro, Mr. and Mrs. John I. Necaise of Kiln, Eula May Ladner of Kiln and the late John V. Ladner.

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Bay High Steppers attend American All-Star Dance camp

Members of the Bay High School dance team recently returned from American All-Star Dance Camp held at their school. While at American All-Star camp, the team learned creative performance routines.

Many of the routines were choreographed specifically for the group. The team also had the opportunity to learn officer responsibilities and the importance of a positive attitude.

At the conclusion of the camp, the girls performed all routines learned at camp to an audience of family and friends.

Their outstanding performance at the American All-Star camp proves the team is off to a great start.

The girls can be seen performing for local school activities and sports events.

Chosen as members of the American All-Star

Dance Team were Leslee Bullock, LeAnn Graves, Tabitha Jones, Jennifer Magee, Christina Rowell, Ericka Stieber, Elysha Thompson and Marissa Turcotte.

In November, these girls will have the opportunity to travel to the Caribbean aboard the Grand Princess where they will be the featured performers.

Members of this team are selected from over 8,000 girls in the basis of positive attitude, exemplary character and excellent dancing/drill/cheer ability.

At the conclusion of camp, awards were given to Arrian White, Most Spirited Trophy, and Tabitha Jones and Kristina Quintini, Most Outstanding Performance.

Team sponsor is Natalie Skinner and can be reached at 467-6611 for additional information.



(Left) 2002-03 Bay High Steppers include, first row, top to bottom from left, Jenny Magee (secretary), and Rebecca McWilliams; second row, LeAnn Graves (freshman lieutenant), and Deret Laughlin; third row, Bridget Johnson, Allcia Mitchell, Mary Monks and Tasia Poyadou; fourth row, Ericka Stieber (co-captain), Courtenay Ginn, Anna Stuart, Marissa Turcotte (captain), and Elysha Thompson (co-captain); fifth row, Ashley Green, Kristina Quintini, Christina Rowell and Leslee Bullock; sixth row, Melisa Ackers and Tabitha Jones; and seventh row, Paulette Valle, Tori Ferrill and Arrian White.

(Above) The 2002-02 American All-Stars include, first row, top to bottom from left, LeAnn Graves, Jenny Magee and Christina Rowell; second row, Ericka Stieber and Marissa Turcotte; and third row, Leslee Bullock, Elysha Thompson and Tabitha Jones.

Marie, Munro take helm of GCCA

Don Marie of Biloxi has been elected captain of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association for 2003. Marie has served the last two years as lieutenant, the Mardi Gras organization's No. 2 position; this year, he moves up to captain. His lieutenant is Jerry Munro of Ocean Springs.

"Being captain is quite an honor, but it's also a challenge in making sure everything comes off just right," said Marie, who as captain will oversee the planning and coordination of this year's Carnival activities.

Marie, casino sales manager for Rex Distributing Co., also served as duke to King D'Iberville in 1998. He is a board member and past president of the Biloxi Bay Chamber and a member of the Mississippi Restaurant Association's board of directors. He is a member of the Mississippi Casino Operators Association and the Coast Restaurant and Beverage Association. He also is active in the Biloxi Elks Club, the

Coast Big Game Fish Club and the Les Pierrot Carnival organization.

He is married to the former Marcia Williams. They have three children - Ashley, Brent and Brad - and two grandchildren, Marguerite and Jackson.

Munro, marketing manager for Munro Petroleum and Terminal Corp., is vice president of The Seafood Industry and Maritime Museum; director for the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Biloxi Rotary Club and the Biloxi Yacht Club; and treasurer of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Foundation.

A community director for BancorpSouth, Munro has served as president of the Mississippi Association of Convenience Stores and the Mithras Carnival Organization. He and his wife, the former Dee Dee Patterson, have one daughter, Grace.

"This is going to be a great year," he said. "Our parades

will have some new twists, and we're going to make sure everyone has a good time."

The Gulf Coast Carnival Association is the Coast's oldest and prestigious Mardi Gras events organization. Its major Mardi Gras events include two parades on Fat Tuesday, which in 2003 falls on March 4, and a coronation ball on the preceding Monday. The GCCA royalty is considered the King and Queen of Mardi Gras on the Coast.



Don Marie



Jerry Munro

Paddlers wanted for bayou cleanup

Bring your canoe or kayak and get ready to paddle for a cleaner Coast Saturday, Sept. 21, 8-11 a.m., at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR), as part of the 14th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup.

Participants who bring their own canoes and kayaks will be provided with the equipment needed to pick up trash along Cumbest Bayou.

Cleanup participants who do not have access to a boat are also greatly needed to clean up the area adjacent to the Bayou Heron Boat Launch.

People of all ages are invited to join the staff of the GBNERR in the cleaning up of the reserve. Children 12 and under are reminded that they must wear a life jacket if they are cleaning the bayou from a boat.

Participants in the Grand Bay NERR cleanup should meet at Point O' Pines Fish Camp located at the end of Grand Batture Road in southeast Jackson County at 8 a.m. on the day of the cleanup to sign in and receive their cleanup supplies.

Participants are encouraged to call the GBNERR office at (228) 475-7047 to pre-register and to receive additional details, regarding the cleanup.

A free T-shirt will be given to everyone who participates in the cleanup. Children are welcome and encouraged to

participate in the cleanup, but must be accompanied by an adult.

After the cleanup, the Grand Bay NERR is sponsoring a picnic for all Jackson County Coastal Cleanup participants at Shepard State Park in Gautier from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cleanup participants will need to show their T-shirt at the park to receive a free grilled hot dog, cold drink and chips.

The GBNERR is located near the community of Pecan in southeast Jackson County and includes wild lands and

waterways from Bangs Lake to the Alabama state line.

A major goal of the reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions.

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Views -- Seas of Grass

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illustrates what I am trying to say.

Several years ago, we had a Weimaraner named Greta that loved to roam the beach in front of our house. One day I noticed that Greta was spending a great deal of time splashing in the outflow of a culvert emptying a nearby pond.

Greta would bark and dance about looking at the water flowing out of the culvert and then suddenly dip her muzzle deep in the flowing water and take large, gulping bites.

Then, dancing about with her short tail whipping in a frenzy, she would look in the outflow for more of whatever she was eating.

It took awhile before I found out what it was she

was feeding on; I had to look close, very close.

Finally I found it. It, actually they, were small fingerlings, the baby larvae of fish that having reached a certain age were emptying out of the pond to continue their growth in the open waters of the Mississippi Sound.

Greta would hover about the shallow water of the culvert's entrance during an outgoing tide and when a large group of fingerlings would appear in the outflow, she would slurp them up in noisy, joyful gulps.

Not even an inch long, these fingerlings had grown from roe that fish had deposited in the large masses of marsh grasses that rimmed the pond. There

they had grown, protected from most predators by the tall marsh grasses.

Upon maturing, they poured by the thousands through the culvert into the open waters of the Sound, there to be the feed of larger fish, birds and, on occasion, Greta.

Some of the fingerlings, some very few, would escape the fate of being food to the many and grow into mature fish. These mature fish would in turn return to the pond to deposit more roe. And so the cycle would go on as it has for hundreds of thousands of years.

These fingerlings are a major element in the food chain that makes up the ecological stock in the waters in the Sound in which many of us enjoy fishing. About three hundred yards east of our house is another pond.

There, minute young fish pour out as they mature and add to its immediate area's general food stock or replenish the region's fish. All along our coast there are these small, but extremely vital, pockets of wetlands, each contributing its measure to the abundance of the regional fauna.

And they make for good fishing and, best of all, provide the fish that Stella catches when she goes out wade fishing.

Not just wade fishing, all types of fishing whether in the Sound, in the Bay, or in the marsh itself. All great

fishing.

Let me repeat another story to show you the true wonder of how we all enjoy this. In its first years, the Bay of St. Louis Casino Magic had an extra barge tied up beside its main barge with a restaurant on its third level.

The panoramic view it presented of the marsh in that part of the Bay was spectacular.

One Sunday morning, when our grandchildren were visiting, we decided to take them for a sunrise breakfast. It was to be a surprise. We woke them up while it was still dark, telling them we were going out to eat.

They dressed and came down and we rode through the dark deserted Sunday morning streets in sleepy silence. When we got to the Magic, it was just starting to get light.

Because of the teenagers, casino security gave explicit instructions of the route we had to take to go to the outer barge and the restaurant. There, the hostess greeted us and I asked for a table by a window.

She laughed and gestured to the large windows facing the marsh. The tables were empty - in fact, no one was in the restaurant at that early hour of the morning but us.

We went to the table by the middle window with a splendid view of the back bay marsh. The sun was

just starting to come up, there was a slight haze in the distance, and the marsh grass in front of us was lit by the golden light of the rising sun. "What can we eat?" asked the girls excitedly. "Anything you want," said Stella. "It's buffet. Go for it."

They went and soon came back, their plates loaded with food. We sat eating, watching the slowly brightening golden marsh and water.

A haze started to grow over the water in the distance, then it increased and started sweeping toward us moving closer and closer. Then we realized it wasn't haze, but a broad vertical torrent of rain sweeping across the marsh coming directly at us.

In seconds, the morning storm enveloped the barge, pouring down swirling sheets of rain. At first I thought it could ruin our morning surprise, but it didn't.

The spectacle from our height of the marsh lashed by the rain and wind was breathtaking. The girls were entranced by this almost magical scene. The waitresses came running over and stood equally entranced, looking out the window with us.

A small gray shape appeared far out in the water coming toward us through the downpour. It was a small boat! It headed to the barge to stand in our

lee side for protection from the storm.

There were several people in the boat, three men and two women. They had evidently been up early to catch the tide and fish the edges of the marsh.

We looked down where they huddled below us, drenched. One of them happened to look up and saw us standing at the window high above them and saying something to the others, they all looked up and, wrapped in one large tarpaulin, waved at us.

The girls waved back. They waved some more. Then everybody laughed and everybody waved. It was great. They were obviously enjoying themselves despite the weather. And so were we.

Altogether, it was a lovely breakfast. It was something we repeated during that visit and subsequent visits of the children as long as the extra barge was there.

The Magic now has a restaurant inside the main barge and it's always busy night and day. It's really very nice and the food is good, but it has no windows to allow a view of the outside.

But the marsh is still there. You have seen as we have seen it and, hopefully, our grandchildren's grandchildren will see it to be as wonderful a presence as we do today.

Garden

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For best blooming, plant them in full sun in well-drained, fertile soil. I have seen many fine plantings in morning sun and afternoon shade as well. Many recommend this as a flower that will perform in poor soils. This is certainly the case, though the height is usually only in the 2- to 3-foot range. In good soil, the four o'clock becomes a large, shrub-like plant reaching 4 to 6 feet in height and width, so place it accordingly.

The cultural techniques are simple; remove frozen foliage in the fall and add a layer of mulch in colder regions. Since the four o'clock re-seeds with vigor, each spring make it a point to remove the ones you do not want. A little supplemental water during prolonged dry periods keeps the plant looking crisp, though it is very drought tolerant.

The leaf texture and tubular flower form allow it to fit into the tropical landscape as easily as the cottage garden. Grow in front of bananas or upright elephant ears, and use in combination with hibiscus or allamandas in the tropical garden.

In the cottage garden, grow four o'clocks with other drought-tolerant plants like lantana, melampodium and Goldstrum rudbeckia. If growing in morning sun and afternoon shade, one of the best companions is the summer phlox. The most important consideration is to place the four o'clock close to the porch, patio or deck so the family can enjoy its enticing fragrance.

This plant that all Southerners have experienced and loved is harder to find than a four-leafed clover. Although it is commercially produced, the four

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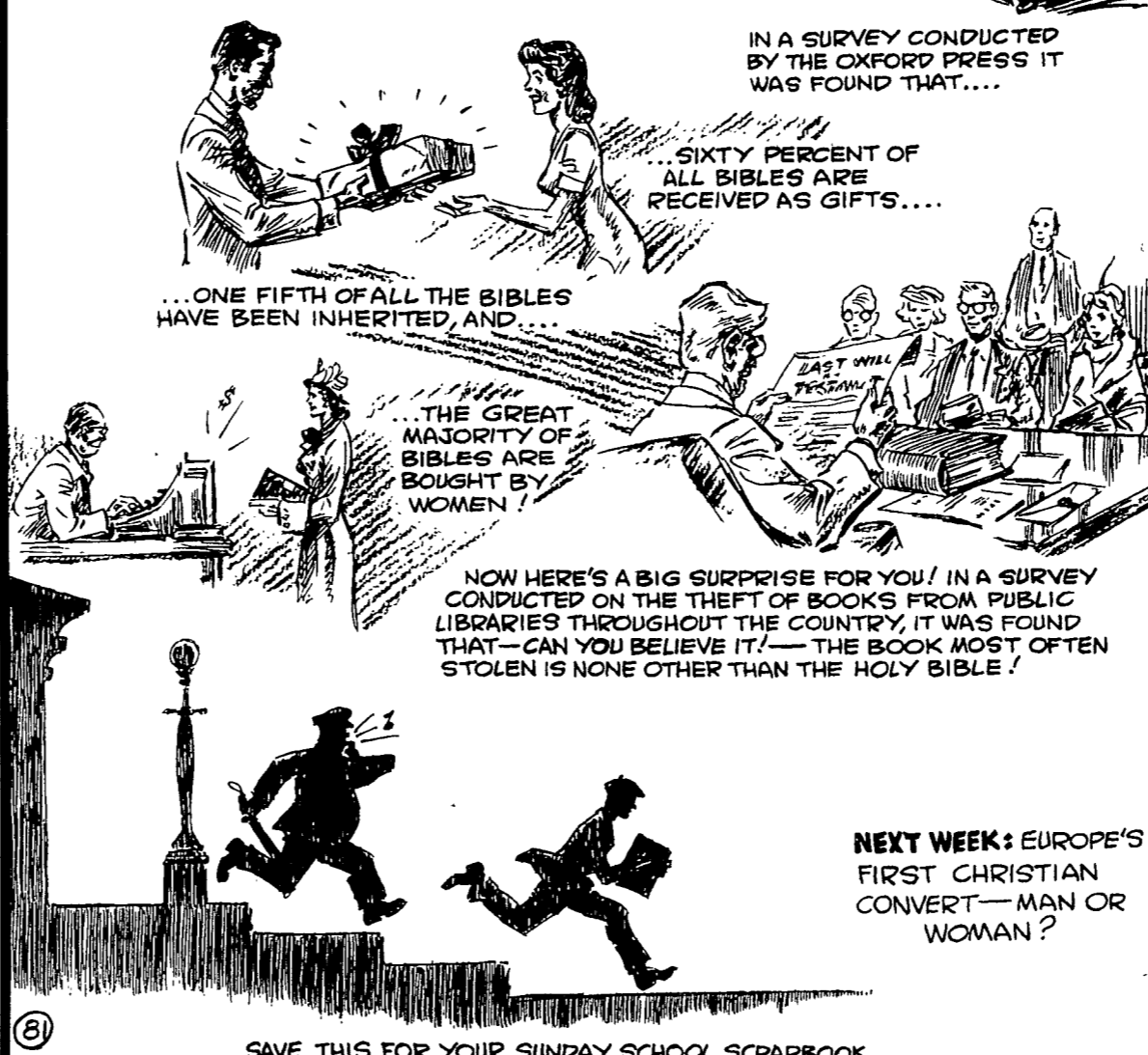
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"I just had to call you about the mess on my job, especially my messy supervisor. The woman is never content until she makes life miserable for her workers. She is a control freak who is too spacey and mean to be a boss. This has all brought on a splitting headache for me. My head is killing me. I am calling you because your voice is always very soothing for me."



by Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

When my friend paused, I began to remind her to move all her job-related problems to the back burner by forcing her thoughts elsewhere. Sure, that is more easily said than done, but it works. In any case, she began to talk about other things, gradually shifting her focus to positive, interesting things.

Within the incredible space of some three or four minutes, she drew in a quick breath and broke the latest news: "I can't believe it! My headache is leaving me. It's almost gone! That is what your voice does for me every time. It relaxes me. It soothes me."

That matches well with a phenomenon which I have mentioned several times before, something which you must have experienced as well as I. At those times when I am away from the telephone, it happens once in a while that someone calls and hears nothing but my invitation to leave a message.

"I called you, but you were not there. I just needed to hear you talk to me. When the phone recorder clicked on and I heard your voice, I felt relieved and comforted. I knew everything would be all right."

By this time in my life, I should no longer be surprised by the wonder and magic of our human voice as well as the therapeutic, uplifting powers inherent in our eyes, our smile, our gestures and our entire personality.

Yes, I should no longer be surprised, but it is still always startling and amazing.

Think about it for a moment. One minute your head is splitting with pain because of whatever negative stress is afflicting you. Then, without the intervention of any medication, your headache suddenly eases, begins to slip away, and is gone within a few minutes. That is downright wonderful.

Were this the exception to a general condition where the rule is that we should not be powerfully affected by another human voice under ordinary conditions, one could say, "Well, this just happens once in a while." However, this is a frequent occurrence in the lives of most of us, so frequent that it is an integral, formidable part of every day, every hour.

The dangerous and

often sad fact here is that relatively few people ever come to the full realization what power and magic they have in their voice.

Most of us are victims of self-doubt, at least when it comes to anything so marvelous, so effective, so universal and yet so simple.

Our human voice is a dulcet, at times forceful, sometimes clarion instrument of joy, sharing, consolation, excitement, affirmation, challenge, correction, admonition, healing, faith, trust, hope and love. Then there is the other side of the human voice where we allow others to use their own voice to effect their own healing, affirmation, correction and encouragement. We simply listen with full, active attention.

"You just don't know how much you helped so many Xavier University students during the years you were there," an alumna was telling me just Sunday when we had a grand, though only partial, reunion Mass for Xavierites of the sixties and seventies.

The most fascinating part of the help I gave the students first as chaplain and later as theology teacher is that I rarely spoke unless they fell completely silent. For the most part, my loving task was to listen, listen and listen until the students were satisfied that they had said all they wanted to say.

Just as our human voice is gripping, powerful and magical of itself, equally awesome and effective is our loving attention to the voice of others who are speaking to us. Yes, there is God's wonderful magic both in our own voice and in our rapt attention to the voice of others.

Again, the tragedy is our abject failure to realize fully the amazing powers inherent in our voice. There is no medication which can dispel a headache instantly; yet, our voice can. There is no consolation pill which can lift from us the pall of sadness and deprivation; yet, our voice can.

There is no happy pill which will fill us with joy; yet, our voice can. There is no encouragement pill to urge us on; yet, our voice can.

Definitely, there is no medication to motivate us to believe, love and serve; yet, our voice can.

With this awesome power and beauty of our human voice come the added marvels of singing, of fascinating storytelling, of wit and jokes, and, to crown it all, the transmission of the soul-cheering, soul-saving phenomenon of the Good News. Never forget how wonderfully God heals us through our mind, our pipes, our hearing, our eyes, our smile and our body talk.

The "Word" for the Week Humility, the path to strength

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Do you experience a lack of self-confidence? A lot of people do. Some folks try to cover it up by acting tough. Others try to compensate by showing off or by wearing flashy clothes.

Why is it that people like this, who have a poor self-image, are too proud to turn to God?

Perhaps it is because their peers would rather accept these same folks.

And let's face it, God isn't altogether popular. And so, in an effort to gain some self-esteem, young people and adults go along with the crowd.

Yes, they go along even if the crowd pushes them into illicit sex, shooting drugs, stealing, and murder.

Yet the Bible promises, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives

grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

You see, following your peers and committing acts of sin can only lead to guilt. You damage your self-esteem. And God will oppose you if you refuse to turn to Him for help.

On the other hand, when you humbly turn to God, He gives you grace. In other words, He gives you the inner strength and the inner confidence you need.

And so, confess your sins to God. Trust in Christ as the One who paid the

penalty for your sins. Ask God to give you that inner strength you need.

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

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WalkAmerica takes place Nov. 9

WalkAmerica takes place Nov. 9 on the Boardwalk in Bay St. Louis, corner Beach Blvd. and Washington Avenue near the American Legion Pier. Rain-out location is the RSVP office at The Depot.

Registration is 1:30 p.m., and the walk begins at 2 p.m.

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For information, contact Division Director Kay Daneault at 228-896-0886; fax 228-896-8997; or e-mail kdaneault@marchofdimes.org.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

Mass Schedule:
St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. CCD registration will be Sept. 9 and 16 in the school building between 3 and 6 p.m. Registration

fee is \$25 per child. Classes begin Sept. 23.

Confirmation will be celebrated in the spring of 2004. Those who wish to be confirmed need to start attending class in September.

Teachers are needed for CCD, first, second and third grades.

RCIA: Any adult who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith should contact Tom and Terry Canale at 466-0435. Classes will begin in September.

Aug. 14: Vigil Mass at 7 p.m., St. Ann. Feast of the Assumption.

Aug. 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9 a.m., St. John's. Holy Day of Obligation.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Aug. events

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearllington August events include:

Mass Schedule: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Mon.-Sat., Rosary at 8 a.m. followed by mass.

Sacrament of Penance: Before all masses or by appointment

St. Joseph Devotion: Every Wednesday before mass

Adult education classes: Will resume in the fall.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday, 2 until 7 p.m.

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The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers at Hancock libraries

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FICTION

1 **THE REMNANT**, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$24.99.) The 10th volume of the "Left Behind" series, in which the forces of good battle the forces of evil after the rapture of the saved.

2 **THE LOVELY BONES**, by Alice Sebold. (Little,

Brown, \$21.95.) A 14-year-old girl looks down from heaven as she describes what happens in the aftermath of her kidnapping and murder.

3 **ELEVENTH HOUR**, by Catherine Coulter. (Putnam, \$24.95) When his identical twin brother, a priest, is murdered, an FBI agent searches for the killer.

4 **THE BEACH HOUSE**, by James Patterson and Peter de Jonge. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) After his brother drowns in East Hampton, a law student seeks revenge on the powerful people who he thinks are responsible.

5 **SUNSET IN ST.**

TROPEZ, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) Surprises await a group of friends who decide to spend August on the Riviera.

6 **THE NANNY DIARIES**, by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) A satirical look at New Yorkers through the eyes of an East Side nanny.

7 **AN ACCIDENTAL WOMAN**, by Barbara Delinsky. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) The residents of a quiet New Hampshire town are stunned when a local woman is taken into custody by the F.B.I.

8 **THE EMPEROR OF**

OCEAN PARK, by Stephen L. Carter. (Knopf, \$26.95.) The patriarch of a black family, forced to withdraw from consideration for the Supreme Court, dies under mysterious circumstances.

9 **THE DIVE FROM CLAUSEN'S PIER**, by Ann Packer. (Knopf, \$24.) A young woman from Wisconsin, whose fiancé has been rendered a quadriplegic, decides to move to New York and start a new life.

10 **THE SHELTERS OF STONE**, by Jean M. Auel. (Crown, \$28.95.) Love and danger in a prehistoric society.

NONFICTION

1 **SLANDER**, by Ann Coulter. (Crown, \$25.95.) The lawyer and pundit enumerates "liberal lies about the American right."

2 **THE LOBSTER CHRONICLES**, by Linda Greenlaw. (Hyperion, \$22.95.) The author of "The

Hungry Ocean" gives up swordfishing and moves back in with her parents on the island where she grew up.

3 **TUXEDO PARK**, by Jennet Conant. (Simon & Schuster, \$26) The story of Alfred Lee Loomis, a Wall Street tycoon who helped establish a top-secret laboratory at M.I.T. during World War II.

4 **YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS**, by John McEnroe with James Kaplan. (Putnam, \$25.95.) The autobiography of the former tennis star and current tennis commentator.

5 **STUPID WHITE MEN**, by Michael Moore. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$24.95.) The man behind "Roger & Me" takes aim at Republicans and Democrats, corporate America and our "nation of idiots."

6 **LUCKY MAN**, by

Michael J. Fox. (Hyperion, \$22.95) A memoir by the film and television actor, who was told a decade ago that he had Parkinson's disease.

6 **WHY I AM A CATHOLIC**, by Garry Wills. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.) The author of "Papal Sin" explains his beliefs while examining 2,000 years of church history.

8 **JOHN ADAMS**, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) A biography of the country's first vice president and second president.

9 **THE SEXUAL LIFE OF CATHERINE M.**, by Catherine Millet. (Grove, \$23.) A French intellectual recalls her erotic exploits.

10 **THE RIGHT WORDS AT THE RIGHT TIME**, edited by Marlo Thomas. (Atria, \$25.) More than 100 celebrities describe a turning point in their lives.

Mosquito

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in." The same principle applies to cars.

Jarratt recommended owners keep car doors and windows closed except when entering or exiting the vehicle.

Mosquitoes that do make it into the house can be killed with household sprays containing Pyrethrin. This substance is sold under a variety of brand names and is used for flying insect control.

Jarratt recommended leaving the room for 10 to 15 minutes after spraying, and to spray a bedroom one

to two hours before bedtime.

Outdoors, reduce mosquito numbers by limiting standing water. "When you consider the overall environment, it may seem a small thing to do to dump a few containers of standing water, but you don't want to grow your own mosquitoes," Jarratt said.

He recommended dumping standing water whenever possible, and flushing every two to three days outdoor water supplies such as pet water bowls and bird-baths.

Small ponds or water fea-

tures in gardens can be big mosquito breeding grounds. Jarratt's preferred mosquito treatment is to add predatory fish that feed on insect larvae.

When this is not possible, he suggested using a substance known as Bti, sold under the trade name Mosquito Dunks. This substance kills mosquito larvae while not harming either fish or water plants.

More detailed information is available online at <http://msucare.com/news/print/1gnews/1g02/020831westnilelinks.html>.

Everman named to group board

Keith M. Everman, D.C. has been appointed to the board of the Mississippi Chiropractic Association, District 8. His term runs through December 2003.

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Public Notices

Chancery clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
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Parcel No. 067M-1-35-143-000

SUMMONS

TO PATRICIA BATES AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY CLAIM LEGAL OR EQUITABLE IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by JOHN D. HIGHTOWER and DIANE C. HIGHTOWER, Plaintiffs, seeking to Confirm State Land Patent and Quiet Title Defendants other than you in this action are PATRICIA BATES, HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI, MIKE MOORE and CONO CARANNA.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Christopher A. Davis, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1229 31st Avenue, P.O. Box 4222, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502-4222.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS 18 DAY OF AUGUST, 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of the seal of said Court, this 17th day of July 2002. (SEAL)

Chancery Clerk of Hancock County
Timothy A. Keller
By Kim Bonano
08/18, 08/25, 09/01/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
NANCY RUTH MIDDLETON, Deceased
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2002-587

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NANCY RUTH MIDDLETON, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 7 day of August, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of NANCY RUTH MIDDLETON, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This the 7 day of August, 2002.

WILLIAM S. MIDDLETON
ADMINISTRATOR

J. P. COMPRETTE
Attorney at Law
841 HWY 90
P.O. Box 57
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Telephone No. (228) 467-1010
MSB #5429
08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 09/01/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY

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SUMMONS

TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF NANCY RUTH MIDDLETON, DECEASED, who are believed to be non-residents of the State of Mississippi, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in this Court by WILLIAM S. MIDDLETON, Plaintiff, in the above captioned cause, and you are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action and to show cause why you should not be held liable for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you file an answer, you are required to mail or deliver a written response to the Petition filed against you in this action to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, J.P. Comprette, P.O. Box 57, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. You must file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this summons.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 7 day of August, 2002.
(Seal)

TIM A. KELLAR,
Clerk of the Chancery Court
Hancock County
By: Erica Candebat
Deputy Clerk
08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 09/01/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND ON THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2002, AT THE CITY OF WAVELAND BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 307 COLEMAN AVENUE, WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

William & Dolores Goodell request a variance of 15' from the required side yard setback in order to construct a carport on their property. This property is located 203 Sears Ave. Legal description is: Blk 9, 20-22, 23, ex N. 10' Anchorage Subdivision, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Brett J. Lachner requests a variance of 2' from the required rear yard setback in order to construct a detached shed on his property located at 104 Champion Drive. Legal description is: lot 49 Idlewood Subdivision #1 City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. For additional information phone 466-2549, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Christine Gallagher
Zoning Official
08/11, 08/15, 08/18/02

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Public Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, JOHNNY OWEN executed and delivered a Promissory Note (Note) in favor of 1011 LAND DEVELOPMENT INC. in the principal amount of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$22,240.00) on January 12, 2000 and

WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note, JOHNNY OWEN and KENDRA OWEN executed and delivered a Land Deed of Trust to ERIC D. WOOLLEN, Inc. said Deed of Trust being dated January 12, 2000 and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 579 at Pages 501-505 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi and

WHEREAS, 1011 LAND DEVELOPMENT INC. is currently the holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the place of the Trustee named therein, and 1011 LAND DEVELOPMENT INC. desired to appoint and did appoint KELLY M. RAYBURN as Substituted Trustee in the place of said ERIC D. WOOLLEN by Substitution of Trustee dated July 23, 2002 which appears of record in Book 705 at Page 683 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, ROBERT L. JOHNSON executed and delivered an Assignment of the Note to KELLY M. RAYBURN, Inc. as the mortgagee and by stating that the principal amount is TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$24,291.00), said Assignment appears of record in Book 683 at Pages 336-337 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2000, JOHNNY OWEN and KENDRA OWEN executed and delivered an Assumption Warranty Deed to ROBERT L. JOHNSON, wherein as consideration for the conveyance ROBERT L. JOHNSON assumed and agreed to pay all amounts owing on the indebtedness secured by the deed of trust dated January 12, 2000 and also assume the obligations of Johnny Owen and Kendra Owen, and

WHEREAS, said Mortgage has defaulted in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to pay the payments thereon as specified and failing to pay the interest thereon, and under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebtedness is declared due and payable, and

WHEREAS, 1011 LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC. has demanded that the same be foreclosed in the manner provided therein so as to satisfy the indebtedness thereby secured, and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with applicable state law.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kelly Michael Rayburn, Substituted Trustee, as aforesaid, will on the 27th day of September, 2002, offer for sale and sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 50, Bull Creek Subdivision, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 13th day of August, 2002.

PREPARED BY
KELLY MICHAEL RAYBURN
P.O. BOX 2566
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI 39505
(228) 539-2900 (OFC)
(228) 539-3130 (FAX)
08/18, 08/25, 09/01/02

LEGAL NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

CONTROL DIVISION

MISSISSIPPI STATE

TAX COMMISSION

PO BOX 540

MADISON, MS 39130-0540

We, the officers of, Court Street Station LLC, intend to make application for a transfer of an On-Premise Retailer Permit Under the provisions of the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws 67-1-1, et. seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted a transfer from Philip J. LaGrange, doing business as P.J. Enterprises LLC who is now operating at 220 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. We propose to operate under the trade name of Court Street Station Restaurant at 200 S. Beach Blvd. of Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owner(s)/partners/officer(s) and/or major stockholder(s) of the above are as follows: Pres. Robert D. Greene, 830-3 W. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560. Sec. Treas. Millie A. Greene 830-3 W. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

This the 16 day of August 2002.
08/18; 08/22/02

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE UNDER THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 4:15 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, to consider an application of Kelly Cadden and Mike Meyers for a variance to allow two subdivisions with a width of sixty feet (60') each on the South side of Jordan River Drive and an area of approximately 6,900 square feet each instead of the required seventy-five foot (75') width and 7,500 square feet of area according to the zoning regulations applicable to R-1 Districts. The lots are described as Lots 34 and 35, Block 5 Jordan River Estates Subdivision, and are currently in single ownership with an existing dwelling on Lot 34 and an existing boat slip on Lot 35.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willie Gavney
Hancock County Building Official
8/14/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR A VARIANCE UNDER THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, to consider the application of Alberto J. Lemon, III and Diana Sirceci for a variance to allow a side yard of twenty feet (20') on Gulf Street instead of the required twenty-five feet (25') and a front yard of sixteen feet (16') on Lagan Street instead of the required twenty-five feet (25') for a residence to be constructed on Lots 13 and 14, Square 301, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 3, Addition 1, which is zoned R-2. The property address is 10149 Lagan Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call at (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willie Gavney
Hancock County Building Official
8/14/02

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Docket of Claims

The following claims as listed in the Docket of Claims are presented for payment on this date 08/12/02:

Bob Allen July Per Diem 200.00 Central Access Systems Year Contract 25,200.00 Cheryl Ladner and Cleveland Williams July Per Diem 200.00 each Hancock Bank Bond Payment 97.514,956.25 Rotary Club of BSL Dues 540.00 Richard Flowers and Sherry Ponder July Per Diem 200.00 each

Fingerprint Processing 120.00 Steward Sneed-Hewes Inc. Payment 88,636.55 Sea Coast Echo Advertising 885.67 Tom Recone Web Design 1,750.00 Treatlet Ins. Agency Slansy-Surety Bond 385.00 Whitney Bank Interest Payment 191.94 Avaya Communications 36.96 and 195.35 Bell South 630.72 Carl Major, Drift Show 1,000.00 Cellular South 187.15 Central Access Systems, SamTrans 9,800.00 Coast Electric 3,091.36 CTB/McGraw Hill Conf. Reg. 225.00 and 45.00 David's Chamsaw 50.00 Franklin County, Supplies 45.96 Gulf States Pro Lighting Repair 37.84 Home Depot Commercial Acct. Supplies 107.67 Jerry's Lawnmower Sales 123.12 Kessler Sports 191.94 Metrolink 61.88 Monti Electric 37.06 Nordan Smith Supplies 31.45 Office Depot 246.96 Oreck Maint. Supplies 117.70 Pitney Bowes Postage Rental 150.00 Quality Discount Cleaners, ROTC 15.15 Quill Corp. Supplies 149.94 Riddell/All American Fall Billing Football 1,353.00 Rigby Education Res. 10,736.74 School & Carnival Supply 374.30 Simplex Time Recorder 622.50 Speedy Printing 9.50 Clay's Maint. Supplies 409.46 Psychological Corp. Supplies 305.32 Waste Management 1,625.00 Alpha Chemical 268.49 Bell South 3,109.84 35.40 193.98 and 11.65 S&L Office Supplies 161.50 Your Personal Touch E. Magee 129.70 Bell South 85.60 Acousticonn. Supplies 175.00 AT&T 111.19 and 2.97 Brennan Compretta and Carl Rogers, Meals Coaches Clinic 50.00 each Coastal Therapy Services Inc. Prof. Service 1,840.00 Franklin Covey Client Sales 45.76 Glenn Williams, Meals Coaches Clinic 50.00, G C Assn. Gifted Teachers Dues 100.00

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Entertainment



Extra staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Elizabeth Hart, Mike Lacy, Lynda Conwell and Twyla Boudreaux-Moore ham it up in preparation for Gulfport Little Theatre's production of *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*.

Big Bad Wolf on 'Trial' at Gulfport Little Theatre

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Three Little Pigs are mad as heck, and they're not going to take it any more. Neither are Little Fred Riding Hood and his granny.

And who else should take the heat than the Big, Bad Wolf himself?

The "Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf" begins Aug. 22 at Gulfport Little Theatre with Judge Sandra Day Bopner (Peggy Soukup) presiding.

The "Trial," which debuted in 1991 at GLT, is back in session, and the cast is more than happy to grill B.B. Wolf once again.

Elizabeth Hart will reprise her role as Cani-Anne Hamm, the most glamorous of the pig sisters with her platinum blond hair.

"Cani-Anne is based on (the concept) of Marilyn Monroe wanting to be a little pig," Hart said.

It should be no surprise that Miss Piggy is their idol. "They have absolutely no depth," Hart said.

"They think they are just the most fabulous creatures on Earth."

As an original little pig herself, Lynda Conwell is

eager to step into the fabulous high-heels of Fannie-Anne Hamm.

"Fannie is a pig, and she's proud of it," Conwell said.

Conwell herself seems proud to reclaim her role and be a part of the show once again.

"This show is perhaps one of the best things that ever happened to me," she said. "I can't imagine it not being a great experience this time around."

The show allowed Conwell and the cast to travel to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Orlando and to an international theater festival in Korea in 1993. The "Trial" won the grand prize over 17 other countries.

Conwell claimed the reason for the show's success was that everyone could find something in the show they liked.

"The show is alive and it moves," she said. "The Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf" will never die.

Another original cast member who has returned is Bob Daniels, who plays Bailiff Bob.

Although he is equally fond of the show as Hart

and Conwell are, he found himself to be quite impressive as well.

"The amazing thing is I can still wear my uniform," he said with a laugh. "I even remember most of my lines and a few of the songs."

With most of the original cast intact, it was only fair to bring back the original director — Barbara Medlock.

"I'm thrilled to work with these actors again," she said.

Medlock said "Trial" was an appealing show for an audience of all ages.

"This is truly a show for everyone," she said. "Adults like it just as much as the children."

Medlock said the reason for this broad appeal is the show's combination of cartoons and vaudeville, a type of entertainment offering slapstick humor and song-and-dance routines.

"The Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf" runs Aug. 22-25 and 29-31. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. A 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. performance will be given Aug. 31.

For more information or for tickets, call (228) 864-7983.

Arts & Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead

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The Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Diamondhead is located at exit 16 on I-10.

This year's lineup of exhibitors will include many familiar names, crafters who have brought their quality work to the show for several years.

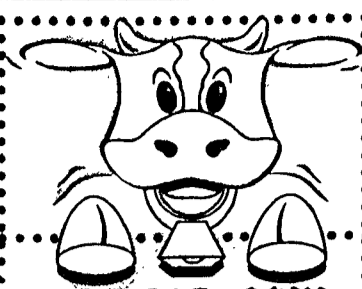
Those returning will feature wood and fabric crafts, quilted items; dried and silk flower arrangements; pottery, ceramics, and porcelain; handmade baskets; stained and etched glass; block printed, tie dyed, hand painted and stenciled clothing for children and adults; shellcrafts; ribbon crafts; fine arts and tile painting; metal sculpture and plant hangars; hand-crafted jewelry; potpourri; custom made birdhouses; leather crafts; wrought iron plant stands; and cypress outdoor furniture and swings.

Diamondhead Community Association Continuing Education, one of the show sponsors, will be holding a raffle with prizes in conjunction with the crafts show. Raffle tickets will be on sale both days, with the drawings on Sunday afternoon. You need not be present to win. The other sponsor of the show, the Diamondhead Youth Association, is dedicated to providing recreational activities, equipment and opportunities for the young people of Diamondhead.

There will be free shuttle

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Are you ready for some Hank?

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Hank Williams Jr. takes the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, August 30 at 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, and are \$49.95, \$54.95, and \$59.95. Tickets are available at Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

The last time Williams was on the Coast it was the late 1990's and he sold out the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

He is a man full of energy and raw power, and sings about the way life is and the way life ought to be.

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The result of harnessing all that power and energy is quite evident on career album number 68, "Stormy," where he speaks his mind, sings loud and is not afraid to touch any topic from Joe Montana to rural strip clubs.

Throughout the 80's Hank Jr. dominated the country music industry.

He was named



Hank Williams Jr.

Entertainer of the Year three times by the Academy of Country Music, and twice by the Country Music Association. He released smash singles that included classics like "A Country Boy Can Survive," "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight," and "Born To Boogie."

He earned 24 gold and 10 platinum albums, one double platinum, and "Hank Williams Jr.'s Greatest Hits" is certified quadruple platinum. In 1990, he won a Grammy for "There's a Tear in My Beer" which was an electronically enabled duet with his father Hank Williams Sr.

Hank Jr. has given Americans a soundtrack to live by. He is a musician to admire for his songwriting, his talent, and for his per-

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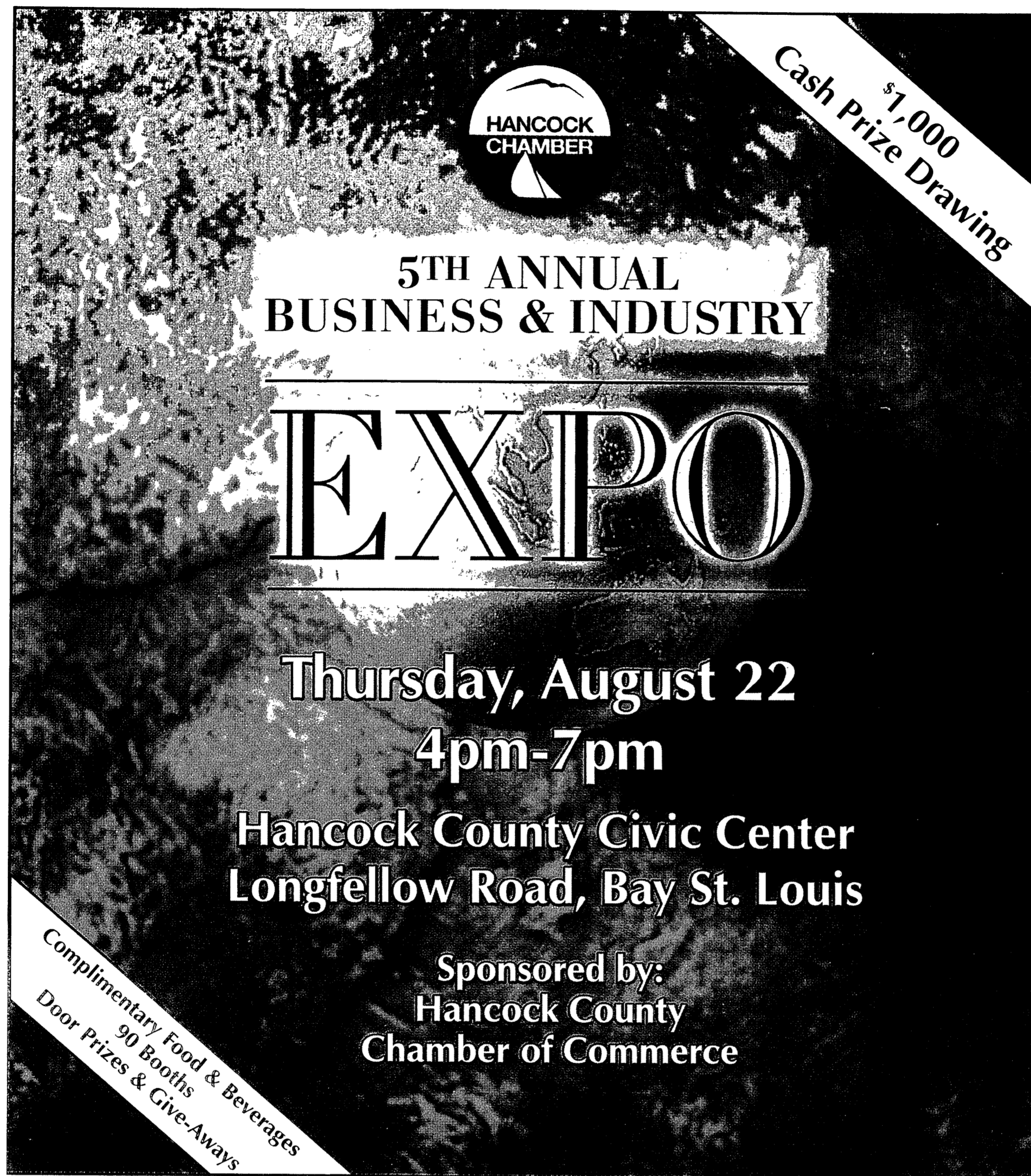
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The best marketing decision I ever made

BY JODY COMPRETTE
Chamber President

In 1997, I walked into the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. I had been invited to attend a Member Services Committee meeting. I really did not know what I was walking into and in fact, I was not really sure what the Chamber was.

This meeting was the first time I met Ramos McMillan, a Chamber member. The topic for the committee discussion was whether or not the Chamber should sponsor a Business and Industry Expo.

The members of the Committee expressed concern about whether or not the business community would support the event.



Jody Compretta

They were worried about taking the financial risk. Most of all, they worried about failing. As I sat there listening, I said to myself, this is exactly the outlet I have been looking for. It is a place where ideas are openly discussed. It is a place where all who participate are taken seriously, no matter how old you are and what size company you represent. I immediately and enthusiastically engaged in the discussion.

From that moment on, I have been actively involved in the Chamber. I joined the organization and began to learn about the role the organization plays in economic development, and community development. I learned about what the Chamber does to help preserve the environment that surrounds and fosters growth for local businesses.

As an individual responsible for marketing the company I worked for, I quickly learned, it was difficult to get to the people I need to talk to,

until I attended my first Business After Hours. There, people were relaxed and open to meeting me, giving me the time of day. I was one of them. The conversations were not always about business, but what the Chamber did for me was allow me to develop relationships with people on a different level.

As I threw myself into the Member Services Committee that I had literally walked into, the plans for the Expo started to come together. We planned to hold the Expo at the Holiday Inn in Waveland and had hoped thirty businesses would sign up to participate. Today, five years later, we've had to take over the Hancock County Civic Center to accommodate the more than 90 businesses that are participating.

During the early years of planning the Expo, I looked forward to the meetings. The meetings gave me the chance to show people that I had ideas, and they were even willing to use some of them. I was so enthusiastic that my friend Ramos brought a gavel in to shut me up. It was all in good fun.

I loved it. Ramos mentored me and gave me confidence. And, then I met other community leaders who also took me under their wing—Jon Ritten, Teri Wyly, and Dusty Rhodes, to mention a few. They are business leaders who took time to teach me the ways of business in our community. My parents had always taught me well, and this was just the next step I would take to become a successful individual and businessperson.

I continued to work diligently on the activities of the Chamber. What I began to realize was that I had what it takes to start my own business. During that same time, Dusty Rhodes asked me if I would accept an appointment to the Chamber Board. I took the opportunity and said to myself, "I hope I don't let him down."

Now I was on the Board of a business organization that represented nearly 500 members and 3500 jobs. I was

then tapped as Chairman of the Ambassadors Committee, a sub-committee of the Member Services Committee, as I continued to work at furthering the mission of the Chamber.

The Chamber provided me with access to contacts and relationships. The Chamber provided me with exposure to the leaders of the community and the State. In short, the Chamber gave me a marketing advantage over those who had not joined and actively participated. I knew then, if I continued to fully participate, I would one day realize my dream of owning my own business.

In 1999, I was elected vice-president of the Chamber, and in February of 2000 I had the courage to start my own business. The name of my company is Patients Choice, Inc. We are a medical equipment and supply company, providing a wide range of products: oxygen and respiratory services with a pharmacy for respiratory medications, durable medical equipment like power wheelchairs and hospital beds, and diabetic supplies. In January 2002, we opened another location in Foley, Alabama that is out-performing its goals.

I attribute a large part of the success of my company to the doors that the Chamber opened for me. It gave me legitimacy. It also allowed me to demonstrate that I care not only about the growth of my business and of my success, but I also care about the growth and success of my community.

The Chamber is an organization that brings all types of businesses together to form a powerful voice to steer the development of the entire community.

Today, the Chamber is an organization with 650 members representing 4,500 jobs, and that continues to grow every day.

So, as a businessperson you may ask, is the investment of dues in the Chamber worth it? Absolutely. It was the best marketing decision I have ever made.

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In Hancock County, I am the Chamber – you are the Chamber – we are the Chamber

BY TISH HAAS
WILLIAMS
Chamber Director

Actually, I am the Chamber Director. You are the Chamber. At least, that's what my mother thinks, and once again, I find, she is right. O.K. I will say it now, loud and clear, I owe it all to my mother. Oh, and my father, and my husband. Most of all, I owe it to my children.

The other night as we sat around enjoying each other's company, my five-year-old twin daughters, Georgia and Tricia, began asking me, "Mom, who do you work for?" Good question. Great question! How, I thought, can I explain to them what I do. And, in unison, they said, "Oh, that's right, you work for everyone. You work for the Chamber!" Stunned, I said, "that's right!" Then, I said, "Now, do you know what a Chamber does?" With blank stares, they responded, "no." Out of the mouths of babes! It made me think, what a great idea for a column.

WHAT IS THE CHAMBER?

The word chamber literally means an apartment, an office, a hall of justice or legislation. In many communities, the Chamber is the first stop for visitors, new residents, even retail and industrial prospects. Fortunately, Hancock County has made an investment in furthering the development of our economy to the industrial and visitor sectors through the Port and Harbor Commission and the Tourism Development Bureau. The Chamber works in concert with these organizations to support their efforts.

In Hancock County, the Chamber of Commerce is the heartbeat of this community. It is the glue that brings all segments of the community together, working toward common goals. In short, the



Tish Haas Williams

Chamber is a voluntary organization of 650 business, community and governmental leaders representing close to 4,500 employees. Through the Chamber, we speak with one voice to address issues of concern to our community that affect our economy, social and civic well-being. That is our mission.

The Chamber is the vehicle that gives all of us the chance to make a difference for our community and our businesses. And, as one of the fastest growing areas in Mississippi, we need to tap all of our resources to insure that as leaders we are making smart choices for smart growth.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The Chamber is a great way to market your business and make a difference for your community through active involvement. In short, there are six compelling reasons why you should join:

1. Networking for Members • Monthly Business After Hours • Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses
2. Annual Marketing Opportunities • Business & Industry Expo each August • Member Mailing List • Special Supplements (7,700 circulation) • Chambergram Newsletter Advertising and Feature Stories (circulation 1,000)

3. Seminars & Workshops • Annual Leadership Training • Business Counseling Services through the USM Small Business Development Center • Coffee Call

Programs

4. Business Referrals & Services • New Resident Inquiries • Inquiries for Community & Business Services • Point of Origin Documentation • Area Maps (circulation: 5,000) • Distribution of Business, Community & Tourist Information • Partnership with Area & State Organizations

5. Future Marketing Opportunities • Website Listing and Links • Business Directory of Members

6. Active Community Involvement • Beautification Committee chaired by Ellis Cuevas, Publisher Emeritus of the Sea Coast Echo: Anti-litter campaign, beautification projects and awards, cleanup campaigns • Community Development Committee co-chaired by David O'Leary of Wellman and Ron Magee of NASA: Smart Growth Program for cultural preservation, enhancement of natural resources and green spaces, citizen safety, uniform building codes and ordinances, improved sidewalks, streets, bike paths and drainage, uniform gateways • Education chaired by Bill Cotter of Stennis International Airport: Hancock 100 Club a perpetual scholarship fund to benefit graduates from area high schools, and Student Directors to the Chamber Board • Member Services chaired by Linda Graffeo: Annual Business and Industry Expo, Quarterly Coffee Calls, Ribbon Cuttings and general member services

WHAT DOES IT COST TO JOIN?

Joining the Chamber is the best marketing investment you can make each year. For a small business of up to four employees, the membership investment is only \$125. Membership is on a sliding scale, based on the number of employees. Membership is also open to business associates of a regular member and to individuals not associated with a business for an investment of only \$50. Churches, civic and social organizations are also invited to join for an investment of \$100. Corporate sponsorships are also now available, offering marketing benefits and services for one package price. Packages start at \$1,000 and can be custom designed to meet the marketing needs of your company.

If you are not a member of the Chamber, I invite you to join. If you are a member, I hope you will become actively involved. We need your leadership.

So, what are you waiting on. Join the Chamber. It works! To join the Chamber, contact the Office or any Chamber Member: President, 20 member Chamber Board: Jody Compretta of Patients Choice - 463-1880. Chairman of the Member Services Committee: Linda Graffeo of Hancock Bank - 466-5919. New Member Chairman: Herbert Dubuissou of Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty - 467-0244. Chamber Executive Director: Tish Williams - 467-9048.

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BY JILL SCAFIDE
Business Analyst
The USM Small Business
Development Center

Many people dream of wanting to own their own business, and stop short of fulfilling their dreams because they are unsure of how to get started.

At The University of Southern Mississippi Small Business Development Center (USMSBDC), assistance is available through

free business counseling, a variety of low-cost workshops and seminars, a business resource library and computer resource center.

There are many concerns facing the small business entrepreneur that are common and easily addressed through the USMSBDC.

Is there anything else required besides a business license? In addition to a business license, small business owners could be

required to comply with some or all of the following agencies: U.S. Department of Labor, Mississippi State Tax Commission, Internal

Revenue Service, Local zoning & building permitting office, Mississippi State Department of Health, and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. If you will have employees, have a business that may affect the environment, or will be serving alcoholic beverages, you will have additional requirements.

How long does it take to get a small business started? That depends on many different factors, including, how much research you have done, if you will need to borrow money, do you have a location, will you need to order inventory or equipment, etc. It usually takes longer than you think it will to get a small business started.

Do I need a business plan? A business plan, which should completely describe your business, will be required if you will be borrowing money. We encourage anyone interested in starting a business to complete a business plan, even if they do not plan to borrow money. A business plan will require you to thoroughly investigate all factors that could possibly



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affect your business.

Is there any competition for the type of business I want to start? For the most part, everyone is going to have some form of competition. Your competition may not be a business exactly like yours, but there will be competition. Any other business that will be competing against your business will be your competition.

Do I need to conduct any market research? Market research should always be done, even if you think your product or service will be needed by everyone in the market area. It is very important that you believe in yourself and think that your business will be successful. But, if no one else thinks your business will be successful, you will not make any

money.

What is my first step? Call The USM Small Business Development Center to schedule an appointment with one of our counselors, come by our business library and see what we have, or attend one of our workshops or seminars.

Individuals seeking business counseling can meet face to face with a certified counselor in the privacy of the Hancock Chamber Conference Room.

This service is provided free of charge to residents of Hancock County through the Center. A counselor will be in the Chamber office two days each month. Meetings are by appointment and can be scheduled by calling 228-865-4578. During September, meetings can be scheduled on Thursday, September 5 from 1-4pm and Thursday, September 19 from 9am-12noon.

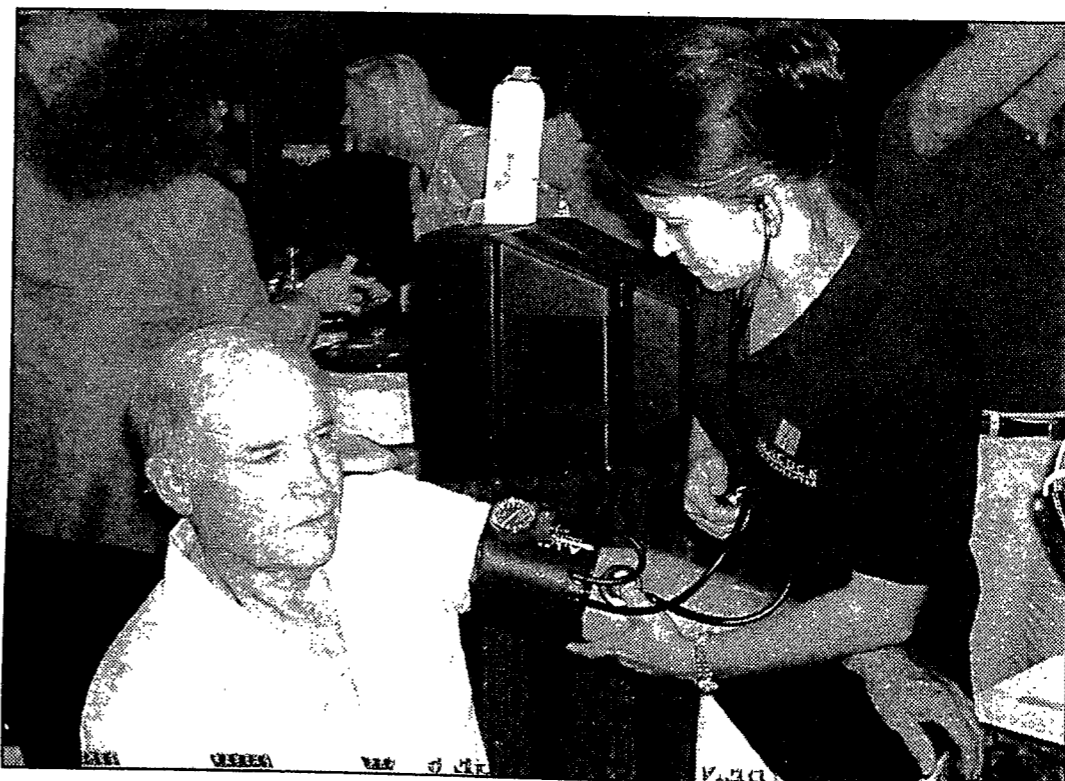
The Center will hold a workshop on "How to Start a Small Business," on Tuesday, October 22 from 2pm-4:30pm in the Conference Room of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. The fee to USMSBDC to cover the cost of materials is \$18 per person and must be paid in advance. Reservations can be made by calling 228-865-4578.

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BY CHARLES B. BENVENUTTI, CPA
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Why do you hear so much discussion about an inexpensive accounting program by the name of Quickbooks®? The accounting software is advertised on television and in most small business publications. It's even advertised by Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms! Why on earth would your local CPA recommend you use an accounting program that is replacing monthly bookkeeping previously performed by their firm?

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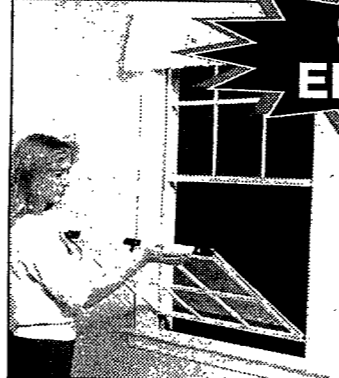
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Mississippi Procurement Tech. Assistance Network

MS.'s electronic portal to federal, state and local govt. contracts

BY RICHARD L. SPEIGHTS
Executive Director
Mississippi Contract
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Nationally recognized as

an innovative leader in the use of technology, the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Network brings millions of dollars in federal, state and local government contracting opportunities to the desktop of Mississippi businesses annually. The network is a consortium of five technical assistance centers strategically located throughout the state in Jackson, Meridian, Columbus, Greenville and

Biloxi. The Central Office, the Mississippi Contract Procurement center, is also located in Biloxi at the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center.

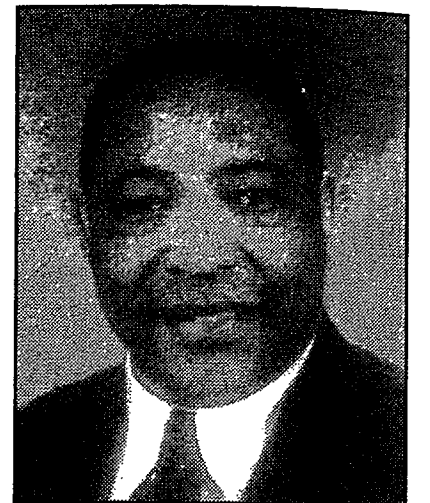
The network is funded through a cooperative agreement grant from the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency with matching funds from the State of Mississippi, counties, municipalities and private organizations. There are no charges to Mississippi businesses for the network's services.

With nearly 1700 Mississippi businesses taking advantage of the services, the network aids these businesses in receiving nearly 2000 contracts annually valued collectively between \$200 - \$250 million. These contracts are instrumental in the creation or retention of nearly 4000 direct and indirect jobs.

There are approximately 2000 federal purchasing offices located throughout the United States and 1000

state and local government purchasing offices located throughout Mississippi. As a result, it is virtually impossible for small businesses to effectively market themselves to these potential buyers without the assistance provided by the Procurement Center Network. The network carries out this effort by building an electronic picture of the businesses, capabilities and by utilizing highly advanced computer software programs, electronically matches businesses with opportunities, and notifies them of these opportunities daily. The network also provides the technical support to assist businesses in successfully responding to potential opportunities as well as conducts numerous training sessions on all facets of government and commercial contracting.

To enroll in the network, businesses should visit the MCPC website at www.msccpc.com or by calling MCPC at (228) 396-1288.



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upcoming seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 19th to be sponsored in conjunction with the Chamber at the Hancock Medical Center Business Education Complex in Bay St. Louis. The seminar will be held from 10am-12noon and will provide an introduction and overview of the benefits of using Quickbooks® for your business. The fee to attend is \$25. Call 467-9048 to register.

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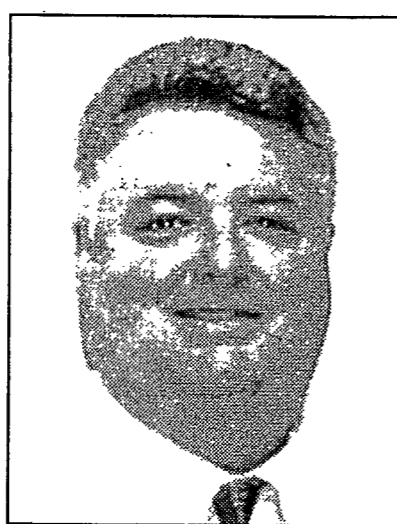
Your IT investment can help your bottom line

BY DAVID BEEBE
Technical Solutions

Whether it's the kid telling you that "you're getting a Dell, Dude," or the owner of Gateway chatting with his cow, PCs today are portrayed as anything but a serious business tool. So to clear up any confusion, your business PC is a serious tool that can help you better manage your business. Just as with every other facet of your business, your information technology (IT) matters need to be planned. Before you purchase your IT equipment you should understand:

1. How do I plan to use this equipment?
2. Do I need a network?
3. What software do I need?
4. What about security?

You certainly would not purchase any other asset without a clear understanding of exactly how this will help your bottom line, why should IT investments be any different. Here are some tips



David Beebe

on how you can maximize your IT investment to help your bottom line as a small business person:

Have a clear understanding of what you plan to accomplish with your IT investment. Realize that the initial cost of purchasing IT equipment is actually the smallest part of your investment. You may need to train your employees in how to efficiently use the new equip-

ment.

Understand that you don't need to purchase a "Server" to take advantage of all the benefits of networking several PCs. A Local Area Network, or LAN, can help you better utilize common network storage, printers and broadband Internet connections. A single fast Internet connection can supply all of your computers with an "always on" connection to the Internet. You can take advantage of a central point in which to backup all of your valuable data by using an inexpensive Network Attached Storage device, also called a NAS.

Consider what software packages can help in your business. You may need a program to keep track of your customers, inventory, and other assets.

What about a word processor, a spreadsheet application, a database?

Oftentimes, understanding what you want to accom-

plish will help you realize what your needs are.

Security is always a concern. There are tens of thousands of viruses out there to be concerned with. Although security concerns are making the evening news, more data is actually lost due to power related problems than viruses.

These are a few, but not all, of the topics that we will discuss at the upcoming seminar on Friday, September 13, 2002, hosted by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Technical Solutions, Inc. The seminar will be held from 9am-12noon at the Hancock Medical Center Business Education

Complex in Bay St. Louis. This will be your chance to hear "real world" examples of how IT can help you and your bottom line. The fee to register is \$15. Please contact the Chamber at 467-9048 to reserve your spot.

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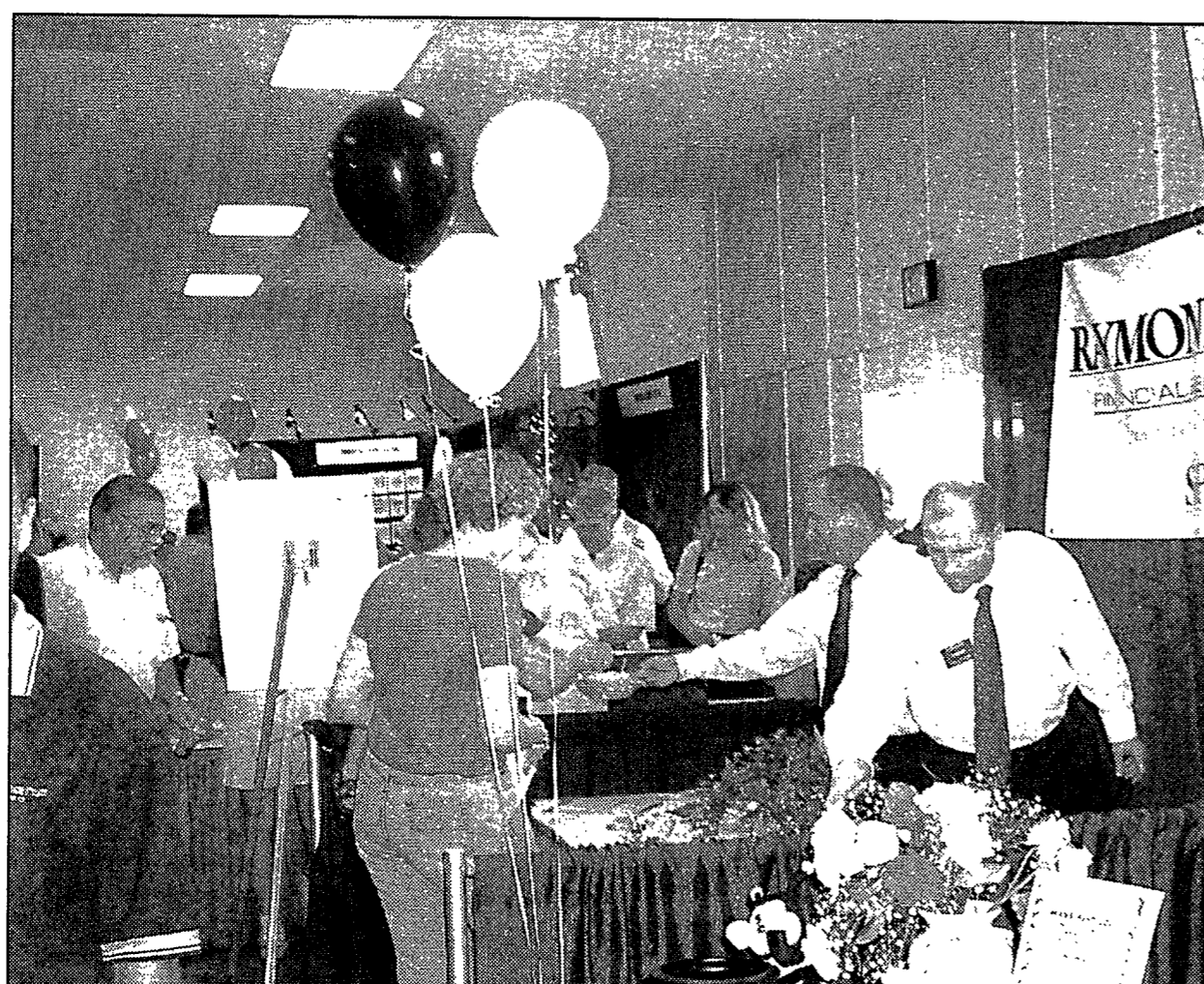
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Smart Growth and small business a good match

BY SUE CHAMBERLAIN
Hancock County
Smart Growth Manager

The new economy in the United States is driven by technology, creativity, and innovation. Richard Florida, the H. John Heinz III Professor of Regional Economic Development at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh believes the peo-

ple that drive this economy are the creative problem-solvers. They are the ones who are creating new goods and services to introduce into the economy and they strive to live and work in places that encourage that creativity. These places, he believes have a strong sense of place. The offer good housing, business and recreational options, and most importantly, these communities have a very good "people climate."

"In order for a community to offer an enhanced livability for all, the community must offer a variety of employment opportunities and a variety of housing options so that people can take advantage of employment."

Hancock County has what it takes to make "smart" choices for smart growth.

Over the next 5-10 years, the leaders of this community are poised to make important decisions to positively manage that growth for Hancock County.

Communities across the Country are realizing that the land use patterns which have developed in the last half-century might not be as good for the community in creating this "people climate" as had been anticipated. Land is being consumed faster, and in ways that leads to additional pollution.

It isolates people and neighborhoods, compromising the time of the individual. Studies also show that ultimately this type of development, known as sprawl, can lead to decline in land use values. For instance:

Nationally, land consumption rates are increasing at a rate 2.5% faster than the increase in population. This means, people are requiring 2.5% more space than they did 10 years ago. The Pew Commission on Oceans estimates that by 2025, developed land will increase by 50% to 80%. New development, the Pew Trust indicates, will fill a land area equivalent to the State of Wyoming.

Additional development will mean additional travel time. The Federal Highway Administration indicated that the number of vehicle miles traveled increased significantly in the past twenty-five years. From 1979 to 1998, the number of vehicle miles traveled increased by 70%, while the population only increased by 22%.

And, as the community

provide infrastructure in growing suburban areas also increases. Meaning, fewer homes will share the cost of a longer linear mileage of infrastructure.

Communities that can create this "people climate" have reversed some of these trends, creating a more livable, people oriented place. The term "Smart Growth" was originally coined by Maryland Governor Parris Glendening.

The State of Maryland took a look at their planning enabling legislation and their grant allocation processes. They realized that through state policies, they were contributing to suburban sprawl, the devaluation of property values, the loss of farmland, the loss of farm culture, and environmental degradation.

This equated to a loss of the quality of life, as evidenced by lower property values which translated to lower property taxes, which put governments at a disadvantage to improve the quality of life within their jurisdictions. The State of Maryland chose to re-examine their policies and to establish a partnership with the development and business community to make better, smarter decisions which would enhance the quality of life and maintain or improve property values.

Today, Maryland embraces Smart Growth, to protect small towns, increase property values and to insure that the communities within Maryland have more tools to work with to create "people places." Maryland is also one of the Partners for Livable Communities, providing the basis for some of Richard Florida's observations.

several key principles. These are:

Compact, Multiuse Development- More compact forms of development can save costs to both the developer and the local government by reduced infrastructure costs. Compact development can also allow people to use transportation options other than vehicles to run errands. Multi-use developments allow neighborhoods to include some service and commercial businesses, again reducing the travel time for people to run errands.

Open-Space Conservation- Open lands serve many important functions. They can provide recreation and productive uses. For instance, farming and forestry and open lands can serve attractive infrastructure purposes. If left open and in a natural state, these uses include drainage, floodplains protecting against flooding, and buffering incompatible land uses and noise. Maintaining a naturally functioning open space area is called "green infrastructure."

Expanded mobility- Smart Growth provides people with options to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled. This may include promoting sidewalks and compact development, bike paths, and public transit.

Enhanced livability- Smart Growth does not translate to "no growth." In order for a community to offer an enhanced livability for all, the community must offer a variety of employment opportunities and a variety of housing options so that people can take advantage of employment. More and more economic developers are also realizing that a "Good Business Climate" is also a "Good People Climate." Essential infrastructure services must be present. The community must provide educational opportunities, and an authentic sense of community and place.

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"Convenient access to medical care is important to both the employer and the community," said Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE. To facilitate proximity to quality care, HMC opened Hancock Medical Services in the Port Bienville Industrial Park. The 4,000-sq.-ft. clinic serves both employees and residents of the surrounding communities of Pearlington, Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore. The staff offers general medical care, pre-employment drug screening, physicals and treatment of minor injuries.

Rehab services may be scheduled by appointment.

Hancock Family Care Center on Highway 603 in Kiln is staffed with a nurse practitioner and registered nurse and offers general medical care. The clinic is open weekdays from 9-5 and is located across from the Kiln Post Office.

Walk-ins are welcome at both clinics.

As part of the hospital's commitment to being the community's health resource, HMC offers wellness, pre-employment and post-injury programs to area employers through its occupational network.

The program strives to provide the highest quality of care to injured employees in a timely manner and according to each company's protocols. When an employee is injured at work, the staff at Hancock Medical Center communicates with the employer to facilitate care whether the injury is simple or one that requires hospitalization.

Through the occupational network, employers have

access to audiometric testing, blood and breath alcohol testing, D.O.T. drug screen collection, and drug screening and confirmation. Physical therapists are also available to conduct ergonomic evaluations, physical agility testing, and more.

Hancock Medical Center's educational programs are designed to help employees learn how to take care of themselves to avoid injury and prevent disease.

Topics range from nutrition, stress management and depression to carpal tunnel syndrome and hypertension.

The hospital also offers on-site health screenings at minimal cost to employers. For additional information on how your business can benefit from these services, call 467-8079.

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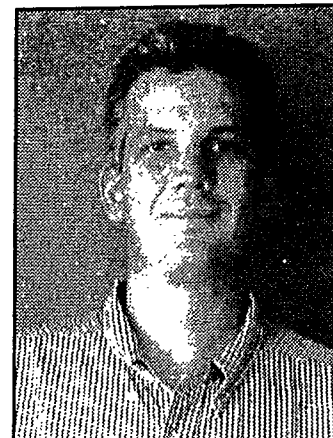
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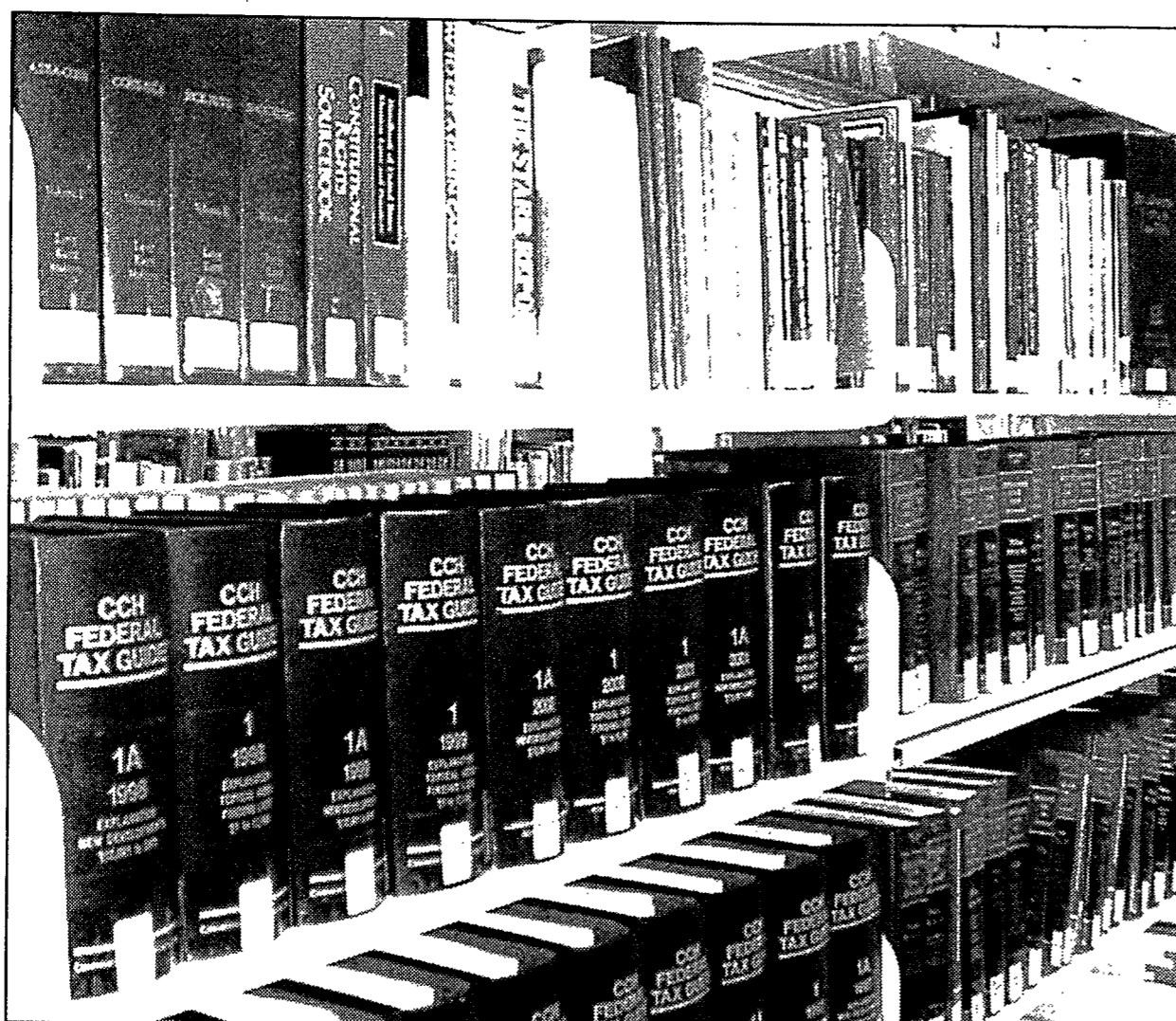
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The Hancock County Library System offers entrepreneurs some capital ideas



The Hancock County Library System offers many services and resources for entrepreneurs and others in the business community.

For someone who wants to start his own business, having a Platinum Visa with a \$10,000 credit limit would be nice.

But a glimpse at what's available through the Hancock County Library System shows why having a library card in your wallet well may be equally as valuable -- and easier to get -- for a small business entrepreneur.

"We offer tremendous resources to small businesses," said Prima Plauche, HCLS director, "and these services are absolutely free to the public."

Plauche estimates that at least a fourth of all users in the library system, which includes branches in Kiln, Pearlinton and Waveland in addition to the headquarters in Bay St. Louis, think of these libraries as their first

source when seeking business-related information.

In these "how-to" havens are resources on many topics related to business: how to write a business proposal, prepare a marketing plan, or set up a bookkeeping system; how to write a resume, a cover letter, a collection letter or other kinds of correspondence; and copies of various forms, such as legal, tax, personnel and others needed for conducting business in general.

One of the most well-used library features is the Information Services Desk, where more than 20,000 questions are handled annually, and a portion of these inquiries are of a business nature. Examples include questions about local demographics and addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free numbers, for out-

of-state manufacturers.

"Businesses, where the need for quick, efficient access to information is critical," said Plauche, "recognize that libraries are highly skilled at finding the information quickly."

TRADITIONAL RESOURCES

Using books may seem old-fashioned in the age of the Internet, but the traditional bulky volumes still have their place. Among them are the libraries' extensive catalog of business directories, covering various topics, such as product suppliers, import/export companies and marketing specialists. Many of these volumes are cross-referenced by address or telephone number. And besides the Hancock County Business and Industry Directory and other similar

Coast compilations, there are telephone books from across the country.

On the shelves are business standards such as Hoover's Handbook of American Business and Hoover's Handbook of World Business, plus Barron's study guides and many others.

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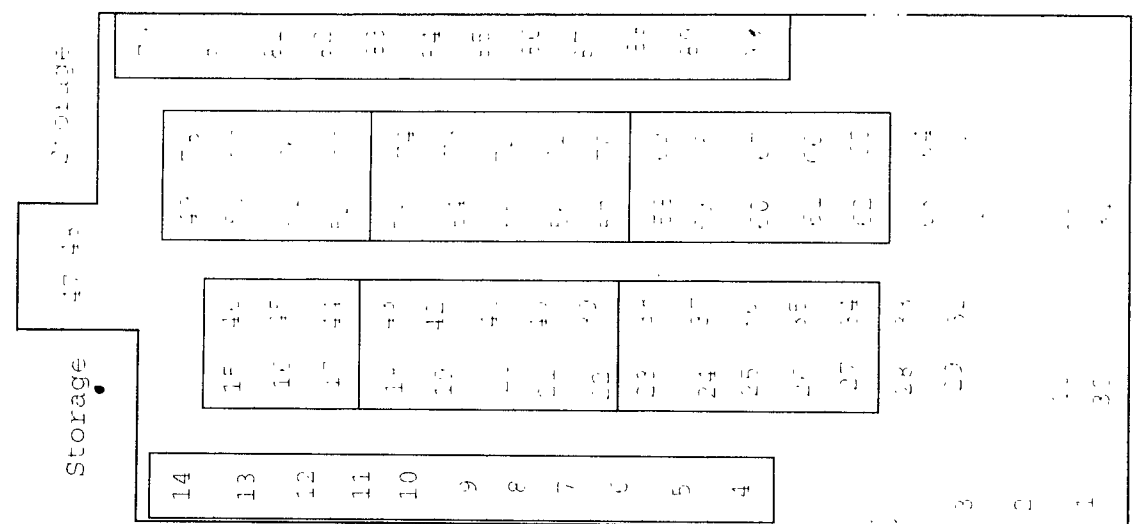
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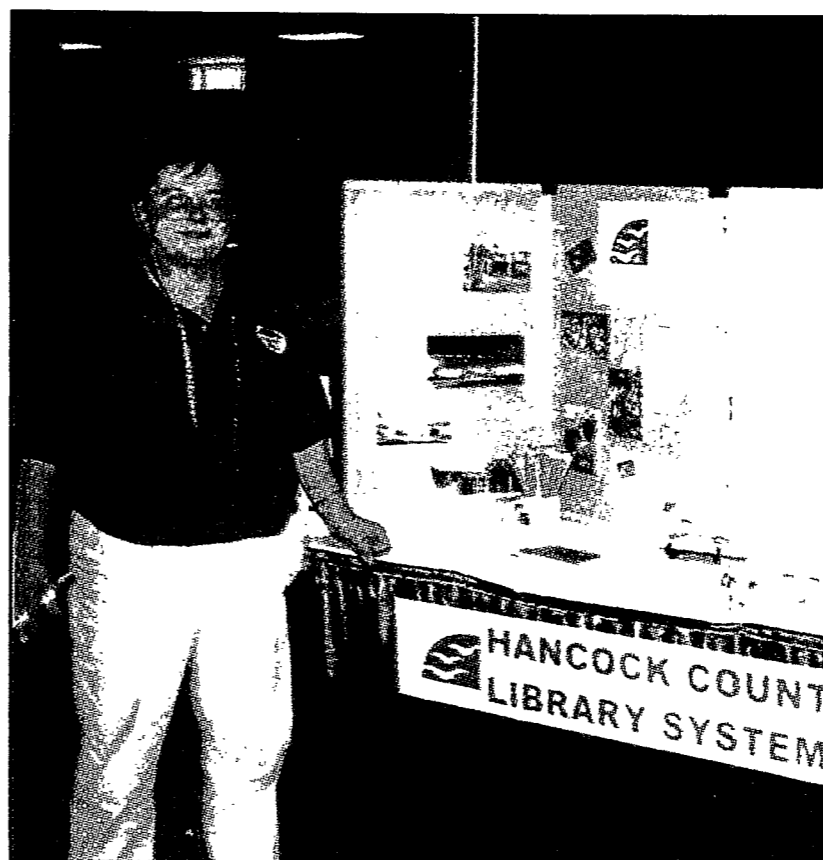
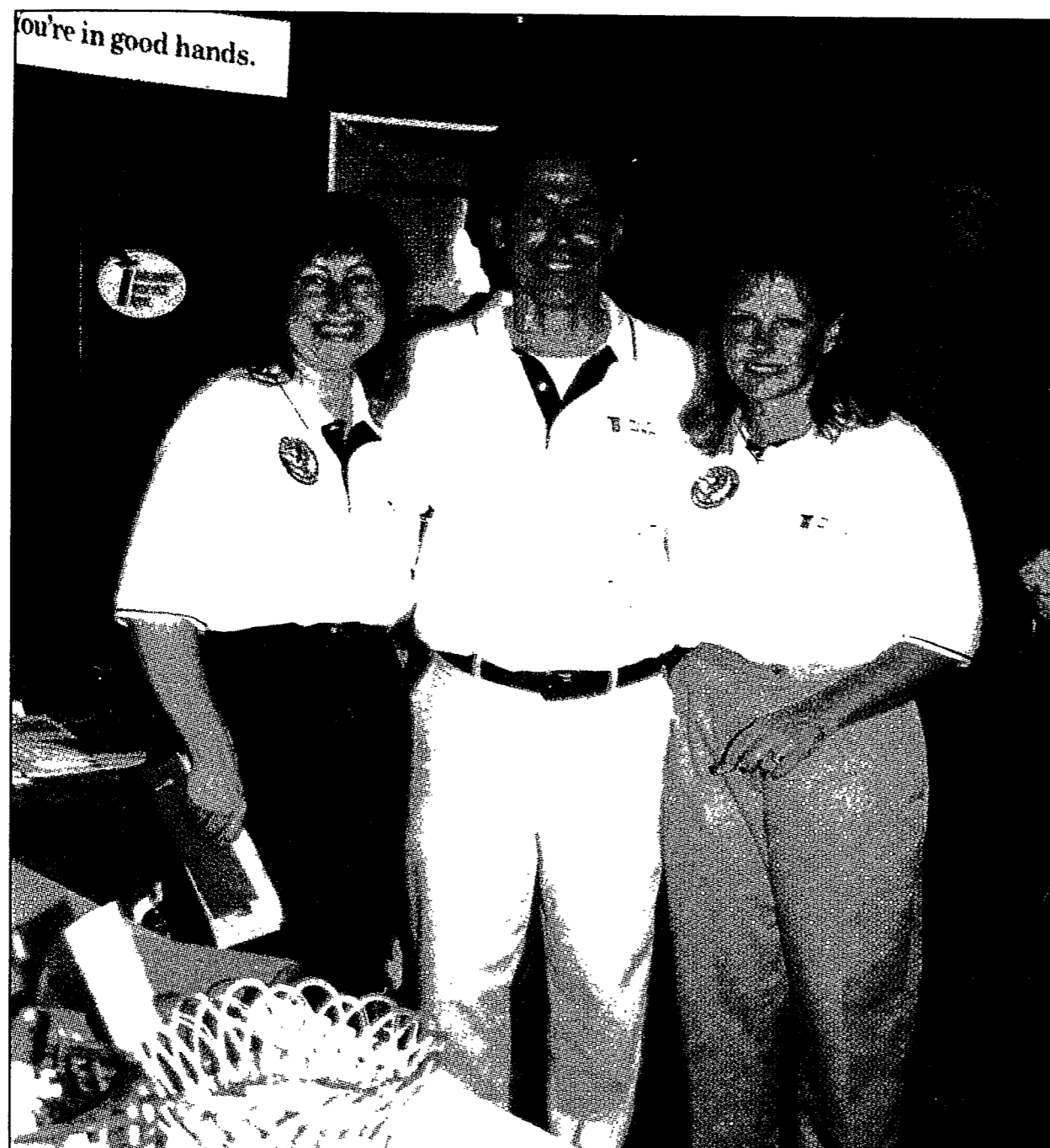
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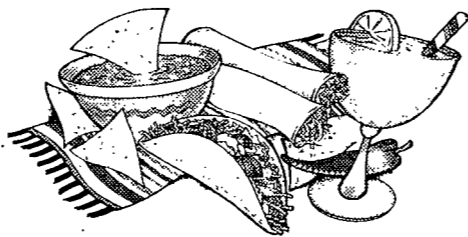
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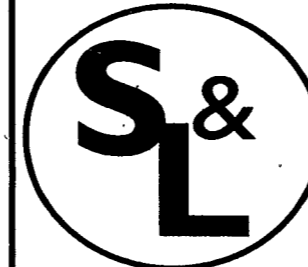
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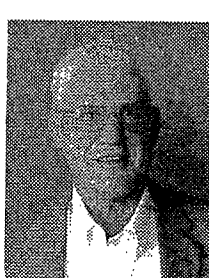
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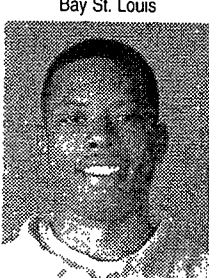
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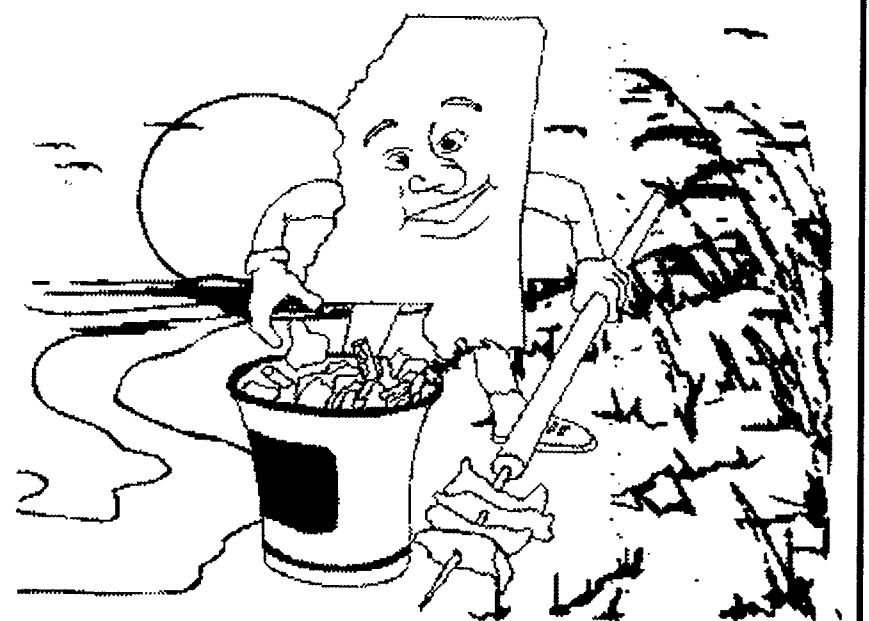
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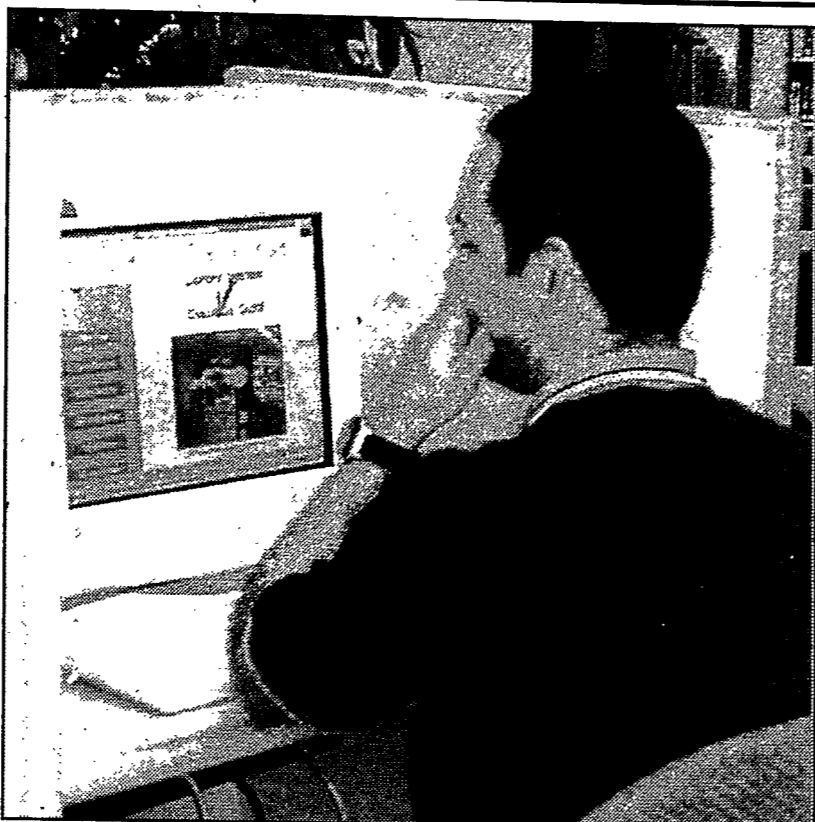
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"Delivering information has changed in recent years," Plauche said, "and one of those changes includes MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities through Library Information Access), a statewide consortium funded by the Mississippi Legislature that provides on-line databases for publicly funded K-12th grade schools, public libraries, community college libraries and university libraries in Mississippi."

The MAGNOLIA databases are available on public access computers at the library. They consist of



Among the Hancock County Library System's many services for business owners is its access to Internet and other electronic resources.

abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of magazines and journals. One MAGNOLIA database is the Business & Company Resource Center, which provides business and industry

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- Periodical articles, news articles and press releases
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Another database is General Business File ASAP, which analyzes company performance and activity, industry events and trends. PROMT, Predicast Overview of Markets and Technology, allows people to research companies, the products and technologies they produce and the markets in which they compete.

Still another service is the availability of researching patents and trademarks through the Mississippi Library Commission by e-mail, telephone, fax or regular mail.

One advantage of using the on-line services at the library rather than at home is that many services are for subscribers only, but the library offers them free of charge.

Another advantage is that help is always available from the library staff.

The HCLS Internet homepage links visitors to all types of information and resources, including MAGNOLIA. It is located at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

Smart Growth

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ture Infrastructure development costs in a community cost more as the service moves away from its point of discharge. And in suburban communities, these costs are further increased since fewer people share the costs of the infrastructure development. Maximizing the use of utility lines allows the cost of the development of the utility lines to be shared by a greater number of people, thereby decreasing the cost per household.

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Hancock County, as many as 80% of the businesses are considered small businesses and employ less than 10 people. Smart Growth can support the efforts of small businesses to develop and grow. By promoting better development and reducing sprawl, the community is making a commitment to existing business and commercial areas and corridors. Small businesses that make an investment in building and owning their facilities can see sustained value over time. Over time and through public policy, local governments can encourage infill building, redevelopment and adaptive reuse within these commercial areas and corridors, insuring private investment in these areas.

By encouraging limited multi-use development, some small businesses can locate closer to their market area, supporting neighborhoods.

Through dialogue between local governments, utility districts and developers, smart and more efficient decisions can be made to maximize existing infrastructure and plan for expanding infrastructure. Smart choices can translate to costs that reflect a maximum customer base that can share the cost of maintenance of the systems, thereby containing or reducing costs to the small business owner over time. Smart Growth boils down to one thing: working together to create a community that is livable. A community that is livable will attract new residents, workers and visitors. It will create new markets for the small business and will be on the cutting edge of the new economy.

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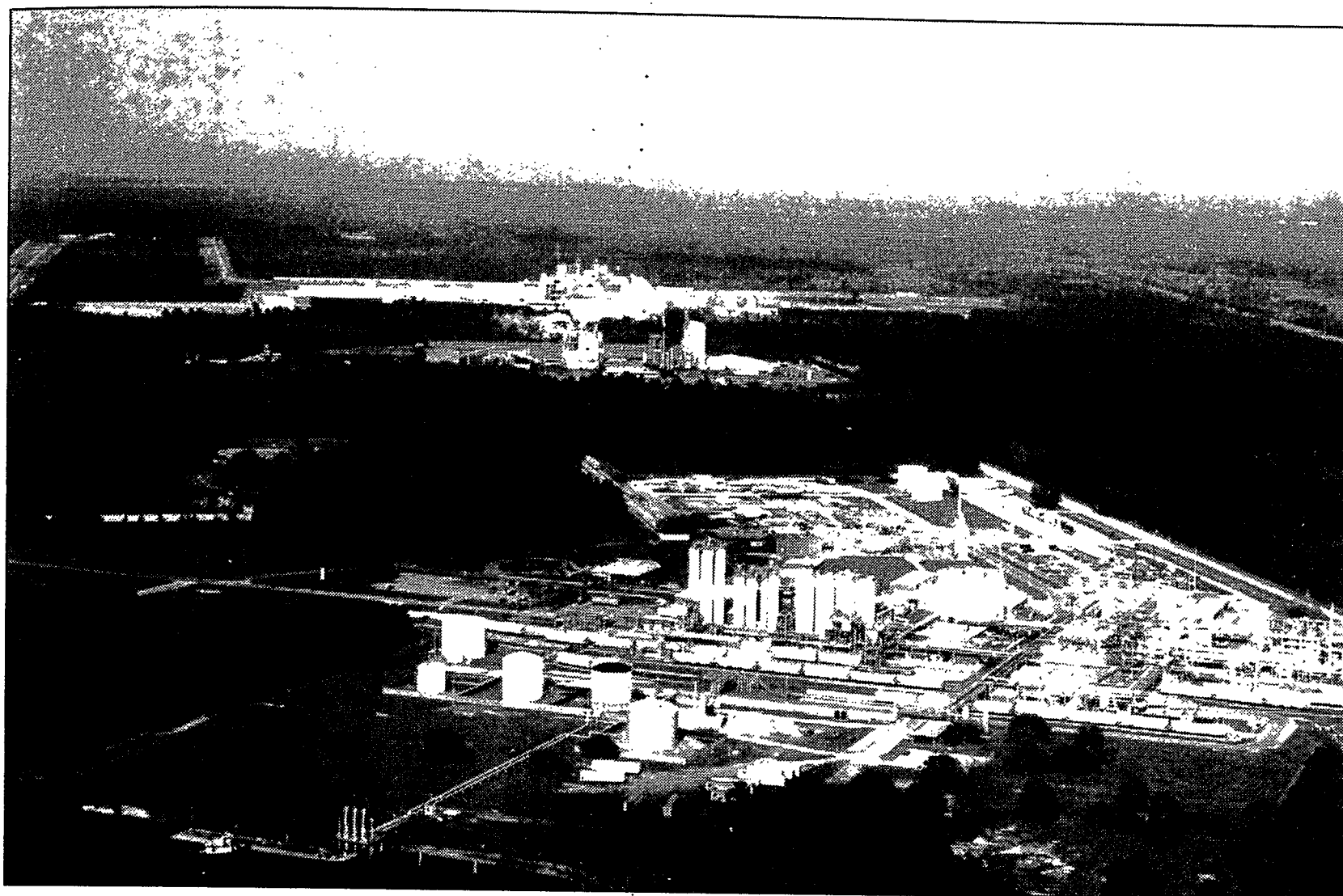
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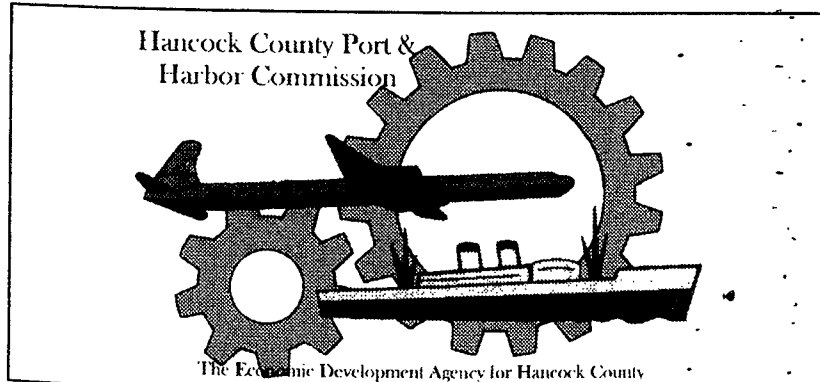
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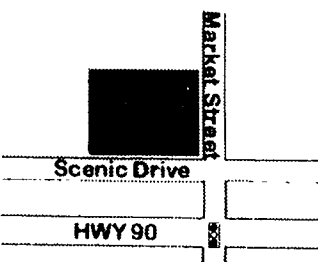
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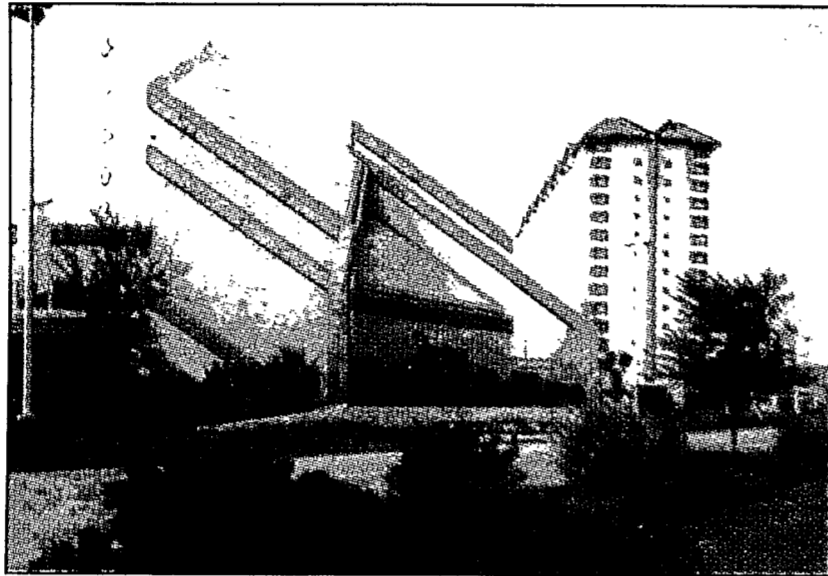
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Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center served more than 1,000 citizens in Hancock County last year.

From July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, the Center participated in training partnerships with several organizations, primarily businesses and industries that pay taxes and exist to make a profit. Those training partnerships provided basic skills, technical and job specific training to working men and women.

"The Workforce Development Center has performed a critical economic function in assisting businesses and industries to train their workers in Hancock County," said Mike Nodurft, Workforce Training Project Manager in Hancock and Pearl River counties.

Hancock County accounted for 11 training partnerships and benefitted from more than \$330,000 of state training funds.

Those customers included Alcan Cable, Bay St. Louis Fire Department, Calgon Carbon, GE Plastics, Hancock County/City Consortium, Halter Marine, Hancock Medical Center, Lockheed Martin, Port Bienville Consortium, Tech

Form Metals and Wellman Corporation.

The Center continued a major training support effort of the Lockheed Martin plant start-up at the Stennis Space Center.

Training of satellite propulsion and metrology technicians absorbed most of the funds and effort extended by the Workforce Development Center's Lockheed Martin Site Team. PRCC, the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and companies located in the Port Bienville Industrial Park are creating a consortium of companies who are participating together in training classes common to all, according to Nodurft.

Meanwhile, Adult Basic Education (GED) classes are held in a trailer at Hancock County High School.

GED Classes are scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Nodurft said that training the workforce is the Workforce Development Center's number one priority. For additional information about PRCC's Workforce Development Center, contact Nodurft at (601) 403-1325.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is a small business advocate

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Not considered the smallest of businesses by any means since opening its doors in 1992, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has supported small business in Hancock County the old fashioned way, by relying on their products and services.

"We have used local photographers for photo shoots and florists for special events," said Christian Reese, advertising and public relations manager at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. "We use local printers like Lightning Quick for print jobs and purchase cars for slot machine

prizes from Champion Dodge, Derussy Motors and Charlie Henderson Ford, she said.

Casino Magic spends significant marketing dollars in outer markets which brings tourists to the area. Those tourists not only visit Casino Magic but they also patronize businesses throughout the community.

In all, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has direct relationships with over 30 small businesses and countless others indirectly in Hancock County. Some of those businesses include Coast Wood Products Inc., Coastal

Security Services Inc., Four Seasons Nursery, Hubbard's Hardware, La Cross Ltd., Pass Wholesale Supply, S-One Gaming Inc., Tire Town American Car Center, Thompson Seafood, Sea Coast Echo and others.

Casino Magic currently employs over 1,400 team members, many of which not only work, but live in Hancock County, purchasing products, opening bank accounts and building homes, which lead to tax dollars for the community. Tourism dollars benefit area restaurants, retail shops, and attractions to name a few.

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